

2009 Washington DC Calendar

January 11-15: Transportation Research Board

February 21-23: National Governors Association, Winter Meeting

February 21-25: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Legislative Briefing

February 22-24: National Conference of Regions

March 5-7: Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Transportation Convention

March 7-11: National Association of Counties, Legislative Conference

March 8-10: American Public Transit Association, Legislative Conference

March 9-12: Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Access DC

March 14-18: League of Cities, National City Conference

April 6-11: San Joaquin COG, San Joaquin One Voice

April 25-29: Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, Capitol to Capitol

May 11-13: U.S. Chamber of Commerce

May 19-21: American Road and Transportation Builders Association, Federal Issues Program

Dates listed in red are from 2008. I am presuming that the 2009 meeting will occur within close proximity to the 2008 date, but will revise as soon as a date is set.

*Federal Transportation Authorization
Communications Plan
September 2008 to June 2009*

- ***Purpose***

The purposes of this plan define the structure by which the California's Department of Transportation (Department) and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency is communicating with the State's transportation stakeholders to:

1. Make California's congressional delegation aware of the importance of achieving the State's goals for the next transportation authorization, and
2. Incorporate the principles of the California Consensus on Federal Transportation Authorization 2008 into the policies and national advocacy of other national and state organizations, and
3. Ensure that Congress and the next administration reach agreement on an authorization act that includes California's principles.

- ***Intra-State Communications***

The Department and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency shall maintain frequent contact with the State's transportation stakeholders to develop and adjust its positions on issues and to discuss opportunities to partner in delivering their message to Congress and national organizations. This shall occur through the following mechanisms:

1. Conference calls and/or summit meetings open to the full stakeholder group every month, increasing to bi-weekly just prior to mark-up:

<i>Authorization Conference Calls</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 9	3:30 PM
October 9	10:00 AM
November 10	1:30 PM
December 9	10:00 AM
January to June	TBD

2. Maintenance of a calendar of stakeholder meetings in Washington DC based on their input.
3. Maintenance of a calendar of other stakeholder meetings to which Business, Transportation and Housing Agency or Department staff could be invited to deliver the State's message.
4. Participation in local stakeholder meetings (e.g., board meetings, annual conferences, etc.)
5. Meet with individual California T&I and EPW members at their local offices during the recess (October through December, 2008).

- ***National Communications***