

Board of Directors
Meeting of March 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM



TO: President Barbara L. Pahre and Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Theriault, First Vice President
Gerald D. Cochran, Second Vice President

DATE: March 25, 2020

SUBJECT: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM NO. 12., NEW BUSINESS:
REPORT ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY
DIRECTOR(S)**

A legislative visit in Sacramento took place on Monday, March 9, 2020. Those in attendance were First Vice President Michael Theriault, Second Vice President Gerald Cochran, General Manager Denis Mulligan, District Secretary Amorette Ko-Wong, along with Platinum Advisors Beau Biller and Steve Wallauch. Because the Covid-19 situation is rapidly changing and in lieu of a verbal report, we provide the following in regards to the Sacramento meetings:

Our legislative visit started with Senator Jerry Hill and Staff. Our message was to update the members and staff of our progress on the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) Project and the fact that we are not going to make our original completion date of January 2021. We did assure members that the project was approximately two (2) years behind and would be completed by then.

Our next issue is the amateur flying of Drones around and over the roadways of the Golden Gate Bridge. It was also pointed out that we restrict access to several areas around the Bridge for security purposes and these Drones can infiltrate those areas. The FAA will now have the authorization to set forth regulations to assist in controlling their flight. We did specifically point out we did not want to interfere with commerce such as Amazon or Walmart delivering goods.

Lastly, we discussed our Seismic Retrofit final phase. We pointed out our ongoing efforts to get assistance from different funding sources and the fact that we are not part of the highway system for funding. All of the Legislators, Staff Members and Committee's were presented with the same message.

For the State Assembly, our contingency met with David Chiu, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Kevin Mullin and Mark Levine. In addition, we visited with the executive staff for Assemblymembers Phil Ting, Jim Wood and Jacqui Irwin. For the State Senate, we met with Jim Beall and Mike McGuire in addition to both the Senate and the Assembly Committees on Transportation.

That concluded our 2020 California Legislative visit.