
Media Advisory

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So Cal Leaders Urge Congress to Pass Legislation Before the Gas Tax Expires

News and Photo Alert for: Thursday, June 7, 2012

WHO: Business, Labor, Transportation and Elected Officials will be conducting a press conference to urge Congress to pass a transportation bill before the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and the Federal Excise Gas Tax expires on June 30, 2012.

WHY: The current Federal Excise Gas Tax of 18.4 cents per gallon was established in 1993. Because it is not indexed for inflation, it has not risen in almost two decades. In addition, it is due to expire on June 30th unless Congress acts to pass new legislation. At jeopardy is funding for thousands of transportation projects and 2.9 million jobs.

WHEN: Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The press conference will commence immediately following the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) monthly Regional Council Meeting. Note – media is also invited to attend the monthly meeting that begins at 12:45 p.m.

WHERE:

Southern California Association of Governments
818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Members of the press may also participate on Thursday, June 7, 2012, 2:00 p.m., via video-conference at the following locations:

CITY OF PALMDALE

38250 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550

ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE

600 South Main Street, Suite 912
Orange, CA 92863

IMPERIAL COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE

1405 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 1
El Centro, CA 92243

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE

3403 10th Street, Suite 805
Riverside, CA 92501

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE

1170 West 3rd Street, Suite 140
San Bernardino, CA 92410

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE

950 County Square Drive, Suite 101
Ventura, CA 93003

The Regional Council Meeting Agenda and related attachments are available for review and download on SCAG's website at www.scag.ca.gov.

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