



# Executive Director's Report

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## STATE UPDATE

**CARB Releases Proposed Scoping Plan:** The California Air Resources Board has released its Proposed Scoping Plan, which contains the main strategies California will use to reduce the greenhouse gases (GHG) that cause climate change. The Plan will be considered for approval at the Board hearing on December 11, 2008. To see the recently released Proposed Scoping Plan, [click here](#). For more information, please contact Legislative and Regulatory Assistant Sabrina Means at 916-446-4656 or by email at [sabrina@caltransit.org](mailto:sabrina@caltransit.org).

## ASSOCIATION NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

**Don't Miss the Latest in Transit Technology at the Upcoming EXPO:** California's Public & Community Transportation Conference and EXPO in Monterey is next week! Always a highlight of the annual gathering, the EXPO will feature the latest in products and services displayed by [an extensive collection of exhibitors](#). The EXPO Hall is sponsored this year by Gillig Corporation, and will open with a reception on Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. The EXPO continues on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. In addition, the "Buses and Barbecue" event (sponsored by Foton America Bus Co., Inc.) takes place at the historic Custom House Plaza on Nov. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and will feature an impressive display of the latest in on-road transit vehicles, including new advancements in hybrid bus technology.

**Join us in Monterey for "Election Night LIVE!":** Tuesday, November 4, is sure to be a big day -- on several fronts. It's Election Day in California and around the nation, AND, it's the first day of **California's Public and Community Transportation Conference and EXPO**, in Monterey! If you're planning to attend the Conference, please be sure you make provisions for casting your vote, either via absentee ballot, "early voting" (check with your county Registrar of Voters office to find out how), or at your regular polling place on Election Day before getting under way to Monterey. As the returns roll in, it's certain to be a momentous night. If you're going to the Conference, plan on joining us for "Election Night LIVE!" to watch history being made. The event will take place in the De Anza Ballrooms I and II at the Portola Hotel and Spa (site of the Conference), beginning at 7 p.m. (after the early EXPO reception closes down), and is hosted by the California Transit Association's Legislative Committee.

**Final Fall Conference Program Available Online:** The final Program Guide for our annual Fall Conference has been released and can now be viewed online. The final version includes the complete schedule of events and breakout sessions, including the names of presenters and moderators. This annual Association event, which this year is entitled "California's Public & Community Transportation Conference and EXPO" and co-sponsored by the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) is set for November 4-7 in Monterey. [Click here](#) to visit the Fall Conference page at [www.caltransit.org](http://www.caltransit.org). [Click here](#) to view the Program Guide.

**New Publications Coming Soon:** While next week's Fall Conference obviously commands a great deal of the attention of Association staff, we're also in the process of rolling out two of our special annual publications. The 2008-09 *Membership Directory and Resource Guide* has been mailed to Association members. The Directory serves as both a valuable tool to members and an account of the benefits of membership for those yet to join. In addition to a complete listing of member agencies and key contacts within each agency, the directory includes an overview of services provided by the Association, a Buyer's Guide to transit industry suppliers and the Association's five-year Strategic Plan. While the Membership Directory has been mailed, our *Annual Legislative Summary* is headed to the printer and should be available shortly. The Legislative Summary provides a synopsis and analysis of state legislation affecting public transportation and the transit-relevant components of the state budget process. Compiled by our team of legislative advocates, the publication is available to Association members. Look for it soon!



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