

CTA Conference May 7-8

I attended the CTA conference on May 7-8 in Sacramento. We had visits on May 7th with a few of our legislators and a reception in the evening with other participants. On May 8th I attended the opening session and then we also had some additional visits with legislators and/or staff. We had positive informative sessions with both legislators and staff.

Key Takeaways from the conference:

- US Department of Labor issues a letter finding that PEPRRA does not substantially affect transit employees' benefits under existing collective bargaining and that Section 13c arrangements are fair and equitable. Therefore they expect the US DOL to protect certification of federal grants owed to California transit agencies.
- 10 people/day die on transit. That is why safety is so important. A lot of those are suicides and they did show a chart with the information. And even if safety is not an issue in your agency, the perception of safety is important as well and needs to be addressed.
- Since CA started tracking GHG in 2000, we have continued to decrease them. While our GDP and population has grown, CA is still decreasing GHG.

Thank you

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