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VICA Victory: California Transportation Commission Awards SB 1 Funding for Orange Line, I-5 Improvements

This week, it was announced that **Metro** won \$703.6 million in funding from the Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1), including \$427 million for three VICA-supported projects: the Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvements Project, the I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief Program, and the Airport Metro Connector 96th Street Transit Station. These transportation projects will increase safety, decrease congestion, and move goods more efficiently in the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles County. They will ultimately provide benefits to consumers, commuters and businesses across California. VICA will continue to advocate in support of these projects to ensure they are delivered on time and on budget.



"The Measure M program is going very well...We're in full build mode. It's creating thousands of jobs and it's going to create a mobility network in this regions that's going to be unmatched in this country."

- **Metro** CEO Phil Washington at Infrastructure Week Kick Off

[Learn more about these projects and the funding they received.](#)

Media

San Fernando Valley's economy is humming, but lack of affordable housing could be a glitch, economists say

[Daily News](#)

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As It Happens:

Learn About What VICA Is Doing For You

Events move fast, and VICA is working to represent the San Fernando Valley business community and drive forward our members priorities. Keep up to date with our advocacy, events, hot news and our members by following us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and reading our [VICA News page](#).

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Members

VICA Thanks our
Renewing Members

American Beverage
Association
(2015)

DB Builders
(2016)



VOTING GUIDE

June 5, 2018

THE VALLEY INDUSTRY & COMMERCE ASSOCIATION
RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Independent Studio
Services
(2011)

LG Strategies
(2017)

Sutton Law Firm
(2010)

VICA Welcomes our
New Members

Bronze Member



Sound City

Calendar The Week Ahead

**Two Day Sacramento
Advocacy Trip**
Wednesday, May 23 -
Thursday, May 24

Save the Date

Ambassador Committee
*PLEASE NOTE DATE
CHANGE*
Wednesday, May 30
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170, Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Aviation Committee
Wednesday, June 6
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
**Aerolease Associates Van
Nuys East**
7943 Woodley Ave.,
Van Nuys
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Entertainment Committee
Thursday, June 7
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Sponsored by **Sound City**
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PROPOSITION

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Protects important investments in transportation funding by specifying that the revenue from gas taxes and vehicle registration fees can only be used for transportation purposes.

SUPPORT

PROPOSITION

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Delays the effective date of ballot measures until all ballots, including vote-by-mail ballots, have been counted and the Secretary of State has filed the vote.

SUPPORT

PROPOSITION

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Excludes the installation of a rain water capture system from assessment as new construction for property tax purposes.

SUPPORT

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Spotlight on VICA Committee Leadership

Marilyn Koziatek, *Co-Chair of VICA's Education Committee*, is the Director of Communications and Development at **Granada Hills Charter High School (GHCHS)**. Considered one of the best public schools in the San Fernando Valley, GHCHS is among the largest independent charter schools in the United States and touts a record of excellence and high achievement in public education.



How is VICA valuable to you or your business?

GHCHS's involvement in VICA helps advance the school's mission of engaging the business and local community in supporting the education of high school students - the future civic and industry leaders of our society. Our membership provides important resources for our school, such as connecting business leaders to our world-class instructional programs in engineering and computer science, among others. VICA also gives our school an influential voice in advocating for policies and legislation at all levels of government.

Why should prospective members consider becoming more involved with the Education Committee?

VICA's Education Committee facilitates a productive partnership between employers and educators to the benefit of students in the San Fernando Valley. The Committee is a platform for us to discuss and advocate on the pressing issues facing public education and to keep members informed about the ever-changing legislative and political landscape of early education, K-12 and higher education.

The Education Committee's next meeting is on Aug. 2.
Learn more about VICA Committees by clicking here.

Business Leaders Kick Off Infrastructure Week 2018

VICA joined civic and industry leaders Monday



Land Use Committee
Tuesday, June 12
8 to 10 a.m.
Hosted by **The Garland**
4222 Vineland Ave.,
North Hollywood
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VICA After Dark with L.A. City Administrative Officer Richard Llewellyn
Wednesday, June 13
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Los Toros Mexican Restaurant
21743 Devonshire St.,
Chatsworth
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[VIEW FULL CALENDAR HERE](#)

at Union Station for the West Coast kick off of Infrastructure Week 2018. Infrastructure Week is a national week of education and advocacy that brings together American businesses, workers, elected leaders, and citizens around one message: "Americans are waiting. The future won't. It's #TimeToBuild."

Panels of leading infrastructure experts highlighted the state of our local, state and national infrastructure - roads, bridges, rail, ports, airports, water and sewer systems, the energy grid, telecoms, and more - and the projects, technologies, and policies necessary to make America competitive, prosperous, and safe.



Read more about Infrastructure Week 2018 [by clicking here.](#)

Hot Issues

Environment

President Trump has instructed his administration to explore [negotiations](#) with California on achieving a single fuel economy standard for the nation. The auto industry wants to relax the federal fuel economy standards, but not provoke a legal fight with California.

Gaming

Efforts to [legalize](#) sports gaming in California have new momentum from Monday's U.S Supreme Court ruling. But it'll take years, if ever, before you can legally bet in California.

Homelessness

Two groups are suing the city of Los Angeles over a pair of laws that are intended to ease requirements for [sheltering homeless](#) people. They allege that the city failed to fully consider the environmental impacts of the two laws.

Housing

A new report shows that you need to be making at least six figures to afford the typical existing house for sale in [Los Angeles](#) and Orange counties and more than \$72,000 a year to afford the typical Inland



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Meet L.A. City Administrative Officer Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr.



Wednesday, June 13, 2018
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Los Toros Mexican Restaurant
21743 Devonshire St., Chatsworth

VICA Members enjoy hosted drinks and appetizers as they meet and interact with other prominent business leaders from the community.

VICA After Darks are complimentary to VICA members.

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Empire house. VICA is advocating for state and local measures that will spur development and decrease housing costs.

Infrastructure

The High-Speed Rail Authority approved a new business plan and pledged to keep pushing forward even as the plan faces stark financial challenges. The VICA Transportation Committee recently heard an update from the high-speed rail's regional director.

Higher Education

California State University leaders are at odds with Gov. Jerry Brown on the question of whether any extra money for the system should come in one-time bursts or be ongoing. VICA supports the CSU's request for an additional \$283 million in ongoing operating funds.

Labor & Employment

More than half of all U.S. workers over the age of 60 say they are postponing retirement. Two in five workers (40 percent) don't think they'll be able to retire until 70 years of age or older.



Celebrate with The Inductees!

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive,
Universal City

Reception: 5:30- 6:45 p.m.
Awards Program: 6:45- 7:45 p.m.
Dinner: 7:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are Now on Sale

INDIVIDUAL TICKET - \$275

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

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Committee Reports

Government Affairs (5/16)

- Philip Crabbe, **South Coast Air Quality Management District**, discussed how funding is being raised for the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan incentives structure, a crucial part of reaching attainment by 2023.
- The committee discussed the \$8.7 billion water bond on the November ballot and recommended to support the bond.
- The committee also recommended to oppose SB 1402, which would make businesses liable for the labor practices of port drayage providers with whom they contract.

Learn more about VICA Committees [here](#).





Member Messages: Get Your Message in VICA Weekly!

VICA members can promote their business, events and news in VICA Weekly. Member messages are available for \$50 per week or \$175 for four weeks. Messages are text-based and may not contain more than 70 words. A logo may be added for an additional \$5 per week. For more information or to schedule your member message, contact Helene@vica.com or call (818) 817-0545.

ABOUT VICA

Presenting the business perspective on behalf of employers in the San Fernando Valley cities of Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, San Fernando and Santa Clarita.

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