

## Another Week, Another \$95,000 in Grants...

Perhaps validating our mission and accomplishments, the Bay Area Council Foundation has continued to grow its reach and impact, even in a challenging economic climate, receiving \$95,000 grants in December to further several key initiatives and projects.

- **Teacher Quality Feasibility Study:** The Wachovia Foundation has granted us \$30,000 for BAC Economic Institute to conduct a feasibility study for our Great Teacher Initiative focusing on improving teacher quality and retention in the Bay Area.
- **Bay Area Council General Operations:** Bank of America Foundation has granted us \$50,000 to carry out our Global Competitiveness Initiative.
- **Bay Area Council Scholarship Program:** The Louis R. Lurie Foundation has granted us \$15,000 in support of our young scholars' retention in college.

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## Securing Maximum D.C. Infrastructure Funds

On Tuesday, the Bay Area Council and partners [gathered Northern California, state and U.S. "regional" leaders](#) in Sacramento to start the rapid process of developing one coordinated Northern California ask of Washington D.C. for the huge infrastructure package coming out of our nation's capitol. This will involve goods movement and people movement (as well as water, energy and broadband). After decades of neglect, all signs point to a [sudden surge in nationwide infrastructure spending](#) the likes of which our country hasn't seen in generations, so we want to make sure we capture the biggest share possible. Earlier this year, we believe the Bay Area Council built a new model for securing maximum funding from state and federal sources when we led an effort to unite all Northern California transportation agencies under one mutually-supported plan for goods movement money coming from the California Transportation Commission. As a result, Northern California was awarded a "disproportionate" \$825 million by the CTC to improve the goods movement infrastructure in the Bay Area – the way freight moves by rail, road and water in and out of ports.



## Article of the Week

[This article](#) by Dan Walters discusses how California's state government's fiscal crisis has become a serious driver for reform.

## Quote of the Week

"I've been asked not to talk about it" - Mary Nichols, the chair of California's Air Resources Board and a rumored top contender to be Obama's administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, [suspiciously not attending](#) a major international climate summit other top CA leaders are attending

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