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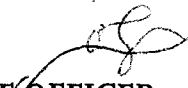
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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: ROGER SNOBLE**   
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**SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – SAFETEA-LU TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL**

I wanted to let you know that the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs has scheduled a markup session this Wednesday, May 16, to act on several pieces of legislation. We have been informed by the committee as well as the offices of Senators Feinstein and Boxer that the SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill may be considered during this Wednesday's markup. It should be noted that the text of the Banking Committee's corrections bill has yet to be released.

Based on my discussions last week while I was in Washington with the senior staff of Senators Feinstein and Boxer, it is clear that both senators are pushing hard on behalf of Metro's priorities. They have and continue to make a vigorous case to the leadership of the Banking Committee that the Senate corrections bill should include local match language for the Exposition Light Rail Project as well as Congressman Waxman's subway tunneling provision. It is unclear at the moment if these provisions will be included in the Senate corrections bill. Congressional staff has informed us that the Banking Committee's internal ~~deliberations are focused on determining what kinds of provisions and issues would be~~ considered appropriate and legitimate for inclusion in a measure that seeks to make technical corrections to SAFETEA-LU.

Metro's legislative advocacy team continues to communicate on a daily basis with both senators' offices as well as Banking Committee staff. As this situation unfolds, I will keep you informed.