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FROM: BARRY ENGELBERG - DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORTS OF THE MTA CONTRACT LOBBYISTS IN SACRAMENTO

ISSUE

The attached monthly reports of the MTA's contract lobbyists in Sacramento is submitted for your information pursuant to Board direction given at the June 28, regularly scheduled MTA Board meeting. If you have any questions on this material, please feel free to contact Gary Clark at (213) 244-7450 or Claudette A. Moody at (213) 244-6525.

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TO: Claudette Moody
FROM: Bob Naylor *BW*
RE: June - July 1995 Activity Report

I. Administrative issues.

A. Allocations for Purchase of Rail-Related Parcels.

The California Transportation Commission in June reconsidered the issue of whether funds for rail related parcels can be allocated on a multi-parcel, once-a-year basis (as occurs with highways) or only on a parcel-by-parcel basis (a methodology proposed by staff which would create incredible delays in constructing rail projects). We participated with MTA staff in negotiating a reasonable compromise with CTC staff in which only large parcels would be subjected to parcel-by-parcel allocations.

B. STIP Fund Estimate.

We monitored the initial meeting in which the proposed 1996 STIP Fund Estimate was developed. An earlier determination of a major fund shortfall was revised downward, to less than \$300 million, which will be relatively easy to resolve through review of the deliverability and scope of projects programmed in the 1992 and 1994 STIP.

II. Legislative issues.

A. SB 1152 (Polanco) and SB 738/SB 727 (Hayden).

Naylor actively participated in the effort to defeat SB 1152 and SB 738 in Senate Transportation Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate Floor and Assembly Transportation Committee. A combination of the support of Senator Kopp and Senator Lockyer and several members of the Los Angeles delegation (as well as the Orange County delegation) made it virtually impossible to stop these bills in the Senate. Aggressive lobbying well in advance of the hearing date in Assembly Transportation (with a focus on the Republican caucus)

helped overcome a lobbying blitz by Senator Polanco and Assemblymember Curt Pringle, and led to the defeat of SB 1152 (it received only 3 of the necessary 9 votes). Senator Hayden was also forced to amend offending provisions out of SB 727 (into which SB 738 had been amended when SB 738 was double-referred to, and was headed for defeat in, the Assembly Local Government Committee).

B. Budget alert/SB 164.

Our firm was available for assistance to the transit community to oppose any "raids" on transit funds which in the past have occurred during the budget process. To date, the major transportation budget issue -- bridge seismic retrofit -- is being dealt with in SB 164 -- the \$2 billion seismic retrofit bond issue. Despite indicating to Naylor he would not go forward with it, Senator Hayden sponsored an amendment to that legislation on the Senate floor which conditioned receipt of funding freed up by the bond issue for MTA rail transit on a CTC finding that MTA had a plan to restore its "solvency" and "affordable bus service." That amendment was supported by Senator Lockyer and six of the eight members of the Los Angeles delegation who voted and was passed by a vote of 19-16.

C. AB 1640 (Escutia and Pringle).

On July 20, Naylor was alerted by Senate Transportation Committee Chief Consultant Mehdi Morshed that a bill by Assemblymember Phil Hawkins on outdoor advertising was being hijacked to revive SB 1152 and to add Orange County Transportation Authority as a separately elected board. The hearing was scheduled for July 24. Naylor alerted OCTA lobbyists and, working with other MTA lobbyists and staff, helped create enough opposition activity that Senator Polanco cancelled the hearing on the bill.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WORK SHEET
for
CONTRACT NO. LGP-043-95

DATE	WORK PERFORMED
7/5	Lobbied various Members of the Assembly Local Government and Transportation Committees in opposition to SB 736 and SB 1152. Meetings were held with Assembly members Aguiar, Brewer, Campbell, Conroy, Cortese, Davis, Firestone, Goldsmith, Granlund, Katz, Knight, Kuykendall, Mazzoni, Napolitano, Rogan and Miller. Meetings held with MTA Directors Fasana and Papen, G. Clark and C. Moody.
7/6	Phone meetings with Chuck Storm, Principal Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus on SB 736 and 1152; strategy meetings with C. Olson, B. Naylor and C. Moody; phone meeting with Diane Longshore, Assembly Local Government; phone meeting with Norm Boyer, Chief Advocate for City of Los Angeles on SB 1152.
7/7	Phone meetings with C. Moody, G. Clark, B. Naylor and B. Engleberg re: strategies on SB 727 and SB 1152.
7/10	Lobbied various Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee in opposition to SB 727 and SB 1152 with Directors Zarian, Croyts, Schatz and Holden and Frank White, C. Moody and G. Clark.
7/11	Lobbied Senator Newt Russell on AB 772 and monitored Senate Transportation Committee hearing.
7/13	Attended and participated in the Executive Management Committee Meeting, and various meetings with staff and Directors on legislative strategy.
7/14	Phone meeting with C. Moody re: strategy to lobby Senate Appropriations Committee in support of AB 31 (Katz).
7/17	Phone meeting with C. Moody on State Budget deliberations and March, 1996 Bond Initiative for Seismic Retrofit.
7/18	Phone meeting with C. Moody re: SB 146 (Maddy) Trans. Seismic Bonds, and strategy for MTA Directors to meet with various State Senators.
7/20	Phone meeting with C. Moody re: phone conversation with J. Stevens on possible amendments to SB 146.

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7/21	Meetings with Senator Newt Russell, Norm Boyer, Chief Legislative Representative for City of L.A., David Jones, Legislative Representative for League of Cities, Ken Emmanuels, Lobbyist for City of Anaheim and Orange County Division League of Cities, and various phone calls to C. Moody, B. Naylor and C. Olson re: hostile amendments to AB 1640 to require MTA elected Board.

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July 25, 1995

JULY, 1995

All Activity was related to MTA's legislative interests

Date

- 7/5 All day lobbying SB736, SB1152 in company of Director John Fasana and others.
- 7/5 Contacts with Senator Solis, Assemblymember Napolitano
- 7/8 Contacts with Assemblyman Machado
- 7/10 Contacts with Assembly Candidate Dymally
- 7/10 All day lobbying SB727, SB1152 in company of MTA Chairman Zarian and others
- 7/11 Weekly luncheon with legislators and lobbyists
- 7/11 Meetings with Assemblymembers Bowen, Granlund
- 7/12 Contacts with Assemblymen Frusetta, Weggeland and Thompson
- 7/12 Monitoring Legislative Floor Sessions
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- 7/18 Weekly luncheon meeting, legislators & lobbyists
- 7/18 Meeting with Senator Beverly
- 7/18 Meeting with Senator Maddy re SB146 (Maddy)-Hayden amendment
- 7/18 Meeting with MTA lobbyist re SB146
- 7/21 Telephone contacts with MTA staff and lobbyists re SB146, SB1152
- 7/22 Telephone contacts with MTA staff re legislation
- 7/23 Meeting Senators Maddy and Beverly
- 7/24 Meeting MTA staff and lobbyists re AB1640
- 7/24 Lobbying Senate Transportation Committee and Senate President Pro Tem re AB1640 (ESCUZIA)
- 7/24 Senate Transportation Committee Hearing, AB1640
- 7/25 Weekly luncheon meeting legislators & lobbyists
- 7/25 Contact Speaker Emeritus Brown
- 7/26 Contact Assemblyman Rainey
- 7/28 Lobbying SB60, 75
- 7/29 Lobbying SB75 (Kopp, transfer of MTA funds to Los Angeles County)
- 7/30 Lobbying SB75

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