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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULIAN BURKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**SUBJECT: ORAL PRESENTATION AT THE AUGUST 27, 1998 MTA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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ISSUE

The following issues will be presented in the Government Relations' oral presentation before the MTA Board of Directors on August 27, 1998.

STATE

- SB 567 (Polanco) and AB 1141 (Murray) – bills pertaining to the restructure of the MTA Board of Directors.
 - ⇒ **Status:** SB 567 was amended to strike all MTA related provisions. The bill now relates to funding the Infrastructure Bank. AB 1141 was held in the Senate Transportation Committee and will not be considered this year.
- SB 1477 (Kopp) – a bill pertaining to the allocation of \$600 million in State Highway Account (SHA) funds to cities and counties for storm damage and streets and roads rehabilitation.
 - ⇒ **Status:** SB 1477 was amended to provide for a \$300 million allocation of SHA funding: \$200 million in FY 98-99 and \$100 million FY 99-00. The bill is pending on the Assembly floor.
- AB 1686 (Wildman) – a bill pertaining to state funding for the construction of soundwalls on the 1989 Retrofit Soundwall List.
 - ⇒ **Status:** AB 1686 was approved by the Assembly and has been enrolled to the Governor.

FEDERAL

- The status of the pending House/Senate Congressional Conference Committee hearing on the FY 1999 Transportation Appropriations bill and MTA's efforts in support of the House funding recommendations in HR 4328 are as follows:
 - ⇒ The House/Senate Congressional Conference Committee may meet to discuss the FY 99 Transportation Appropriations Act the week of

- ⇒ September 14. The Senate returns from its recess on Monday, August 31 and the House on Tuesday, September 8.
- ⇒ MTA staff is in the process of contacting several organizations within Los Angeles County to solicit support for the transportation appropriations recommendations in HR 4328 of \$62 million to complete the North Hollywood extension of the Metro Rail Red Line project; \$8 million for the Regional Transit Alternatives Analysis (RTAA); and, \$6 million to purchase clean fuel buses.