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MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

April 14, 1997

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GISELLE ACEVEDO-FRANCO *gaf*

As discussed at the March Executive Management Committee meeting, at the March MTA Board meeting, and in numerous memos to the MTA Board of Directors, SB 567 and SB 837, two bills regarding the MTA Board Structure, had been scheduled for consideration in the Senate Committee on Transportation on Tuesday, April 15, 1997. SB 567, introduced by Senator Richard Polanco has been amended to include provisions fairly close to what MTA staff presented at both the EMC Committee meeting and the MTA Board meeting. SB 567, previously on elected board bill, would now reconfigure the MTA Board as follows:

- Two (2) County supervisors, one the senior Democrat, one the senior Republican or their designees;
- The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, or his/her designee;
- One member appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles;
- Two (2) members selected by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles;
- Four (4) members selected by corridors by the City Selection Committee;
- One (1) member selected at-large by the City Selection Committee; and,
- One (1) non-voting member approved by the Governor

The bill does not provide for alternates, but does include:

- A four (4) year term of office for the MTA CEO with a 2/3rds majority vote of the MTA Board needed for removal; and
- Elements of the adopted MTA Code of Conduct.

SB 837 introduced by Senator Quentin Kopp and Senator Tom Hayden, would split the MTA into three (3) separate agencies.

Staff is currently investigating whether these bills, will indeed, be considered tomorrow (April 15) or put over for another hearing. Staff is prepared to share the following principles adopted by the MTA Board at any hearing set for these bills:

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- Support for retaining a 13-member board according to the current appointed membership;
- Open to the removal of alternates; and
- Open to a term of office for CEO or for the requirement for a super majority vote for removal

On related matters, the MTA Board members in attendance adopted the following unanimously:

- Suggest that the Code of Conduct adopted by the MTA Board be applied to transit agencies in California (concern was expressed that there was no ability to amend the code if the provisions are placed in statute); and,
- Open to a term of office of office for the MTA Inspector General, on the same order of the fixed term noted above for the CEO or for a requirement for a super majority vote of the board for removal.

Please contact Claudette Moody at (213) 922-2237 if you have any questions.

Attachments

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