



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: April 28, 1997

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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As staff has previously shared with the Board of Directors, on May 6, the Senate Committee on Transportation will be holding a hearing on four bills pertaining to the MTA. The following are the bills which will be considered next Tuesday and the most recent Board position on these measures:

- **SB 837 (Kopp)**, a bill to abolish the MTA and create three separate transportation agencies in Los Angeles County. The MTA Board adopted an oppose position on SB 837 at the April board meeting.
- **SB 567 (Polanco)**, a bill which; reduces the size of the MTA Board by decreasing the number of supervisors from five to two (one Democrat and one Republican); provides that the mayor of the City of Los Angeles would select two representatives to the MTA Board and the City Council of the City of Los Angeles would select two representatives; adds one at-large member to the four selected by the City Selection Committee; establishes a four-year term of office for the MTA CEO; and, codifies elements of the Code of Conduct. The MTA Board adopted a position to oppose the provision of SB 567 which would reduce the membership of the County Board of Supervisors.
- **SB 790 (Hayden)**, which codifies elements of the consent decree and establishes language supporting funding for paratransit services. The Board and staff have expressed concern about the codification of the consent decree, but have not taken a formal position on the bill.
- **SB 794 (Hayden)**, which codifies the MTA Code of Conduct. The MTA Board and staff have expressed concern about the codifying the MTA Code of Conduct and have suggested that, if this occurs, all transit agencies should abide these provisions.

Staff is strongly recommending that members of the MTA Board of Directors attend this hearing. It is our understanding that the Los Angeles County senators on the Senate Transportation Committee and Chairman Kopp did not reach a consensus on issues relating to the MTA at their

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April 23, meeting. It is imperative that the Directors are represented when the full committee considers these issues. Please contact Claudette Moody at (213) 922-2237 if you would like to make arrangements to attend the May 6, hearing. MTA staff will also be contacting your offices to ascertain if any directors can travel to Sacramento to meet with committee members and/or testify.

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