



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE August 20, 1996

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RAE JAMES

- SB 175 (Calderon), the legislation amending current law on funding allocations to the Municipal Operators, passed the Assembly today on a vote of 56 to 5. No mention was made on the floor of the agreement between the MTA and the operators regarding transit security funding. The bill now returns to the Senate floor for concurrence.
- The Conference Committee on SB 160 met this morning for an informational hearing on public-private partnerships. Nothing definitive was decided at the hearing. The Conference Committee is next scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 22, 8:00 a.m.
- SB 112 may be considered for a vote as early as Wednesday, August 21. The Assembly title is large, but the speed with which the legislators are considering legislation has apparently increased. Staff will continue to keep you informed.
- On a 12-2 vote (Noes - Heller, Waters, Absent - Ridley-Thomas), the Los Angeles City Council voted today to approve the Budget and Finance Committee report regarding the MTA's proposal for the City of L.A.'s \$200 million contribution toward Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3.
- Councilman John Ferrer, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, recommended that City Council urge the MTA to remove all signs and advertisements on existing MTA bus windows and cease future expenditures on the MTA bus windows. It was agreed that the removal of the advertisements from the windows will allow police officers to see through the side windows of a bus when responding to emergency or life-threatening situations. The motion was introduced by Councilman Marvin Brand.

If you have a question on any state legislation, feel free to contact Claudine A. Moody at (213) 922-2237; on L.A. City Council items, contact Audrey N. Adams at (213) 922-2238.