



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: August 14, 1996

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RAE JAMES

- The Conference Committee on SB 160 conceptually agreed upon a framework for legislation to address the state's seismic bridge retrofit funding shortfall. Committee staff was directed to return with language providing for a toll increase and a state contribution, but without specifying the amounts for those two funding sources. Capital Planning staff will analyze this framework using various scenarios. The Conference Committee may meet again within the next few days.
- As of today, SB 1152 (Polanco) had not been amended to include proposal provisions concerning the City of Los Angeles. The Assembly is in session tomorrow, August 15, and the bill would be amended at that time. If the bill is amended, it would go back onto "Third Reading" on the Assembly Floor, until the new version of the legislation is in print, which could be a matter of one day. The amended version of SB 1152 would then be heard on the floor for passage. Note that the Board will not have an opportunity to consider these amendments after action is taken on SB 1152. The MTA's Executive Management Committee meets on August 22. It is likely SB 1152 may be heard before that time. Staff will keep you informed.
- The Los Angeles City Council Budget & Finance Committee considered yesterday the MTA's proposal for financial contribution towards Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3. The item was continued to Friday, August 16, when it will be heard at a Special Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

If you should have any questions regarding state issues please contact Ms. Claudette Moody at (213) 922-2237 or any inquiries about City Council should be referred to Ms. Audrey Noda at (213) 922-2238.