




MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RAE JAMES 

- Late Thursday night, the Assembly voted 41 to 23 to pass SB 1505 (Kopp), the bill which, among other reforms, creates a four-year STIP rather than the current seven-year STIP process. Reconsideration was requested by Democratic Leader Richard Katz, an opponent of the measure. The vote on reconsideration in the Assembly may occur sometime this evening. If that vote is successful, another vote on passage will occur. Senate pro Tempore Bill Lockyer was also "working the floor" in the Assembly in opposition to SB 1505 because of labor concerns. It is most likely the bill will be transmitted to the Senate, but with Lockyer's opposition, it does not appear that SB 1505 will pass that body. MTA representatives assisted the Administration in support of SB 1505 last night and staff has prepared a letter for Senators reiterating the MTA's support of the bill.
- SB 160 (Kopp), the bill which was to have been used to address the funding shortfall for the retrofit of the state toll bridges, has stalled in its Conference Committee. All indications are this issue will not be addressed in legislation this year. The Governor, however, does have some leeway in how to address the shortfall. MTA lobbyists and staff are working closely with Administration representatives to ensure that funding for Southern California transportation projects is not jeopardized.
- SB 1152 (Polegato), the bill regarding MTA Board composition, was placed on the inactive file on Wednesday. The issue will not be pursued any further this session.