



# MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: ..... June 19, 1997 .....

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- On June 17, the Senate Committee on Transportation approved AB 584 (Villaraigosa) on a 9-0 vote. AB 584 establishes a 4-year term of office for the MTA Inspector General and codifies the adopted MTA Code of Conduct. As amended in the Assembly, the bill now provides that the Inspector General is selected by the MTA Board.
- The Senate Committee on Transportation also approved ACR 22, the MTA-sponsored measure which would encourage drivers' education courses to teach the benefits of public transit and bicycle safety. The vote on this measure was 9-0.
- The MTA staff and consultants continue to work on the issue relating to funding for the seismic retrofit of the state-owned toll bridges. We have sent a fact sheet to all of the county's elected officials detailing how the "Lockyer plan" could negatively impact the county. The local elected officials have been urged to contact area legislators and encourage their support of an alternative plan.
- **Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Transportation, is urging all MTA Board members to directly contact him and discuss issues relating to board restructuring. Chairman Murray has indicated his intention to hold a hearing on this matter, perhaps during the July Legislative recess. The chairman can be reached at the following telephone numbers:**

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