



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: June 27, 1996

FROM: RAE JAMES

- A letter was mailed to Senator Dave Kelley regarding the MTA's position on SB 457 (Kelly) relative to Intercity Rail.
- Following are the "rough" schedules for the remainder of the 1996 sessions for the State Legislature and U.S. Congress:

U.S. Congress

June 28 - July 8

Fourth of July Recess

July 8 - 31

Congress in session - Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, full Committee and Senate Floor votes on FY 97 Department of Transportation funding bill.

August 3 - Sept. 3

Recess

August 12 - 16

Republican National Convention/San Diego

August 26 - 30

Democratic National Convention/Chicago

September 4-30

Congress in session - Conference Committee. Senate and House Floor Votes, bill sent to President for signature.

Oct 4

Target Adjournment

State Legislature

July 5

Last day of policy committees to meet and report bills

July 12 - August 5

Recess

August 12 - 16

Republican National Convention/San Diego

August 16

Last day for fiscal committees to meet and pass bills

August 26 - 30

Democratic National Convention/Chicago

August 19-30

Floor Sessions - No committees may meet for any purpose

August 31

Adjournment

September 30

Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

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DATE: June 25, 1996

In an effort to keep the board updated on events in Sacramento and Washington D.C. we are implementing the "MTA Legislative Brief." This new information bulletin will highlight MTA activities in Sacramento and Washington D.C. while the state legislature and U.S. Congress are in session. If you should have any questions regarding the MTA Legislative Brief, please contact Gary Clark at (213) 922 2226.

- SB 1755, a bill sponsored by Los Angeles County municipal operators, was approved by the Assembly Transportation Committee yesterday. Chairman Bowler gave specific instructions to Senator Calderon, the author of SB 1755, that he meet with the municipal operators and the MTA and reach resolution on the transit security funding provision in the measure. If resolution is not reached by the time the bill is set to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, the bill would be sent back to the Transportation Committee for further review. Representatives from the municipal operators have contacted Government Relations staff to expedite a meeting on this outstanding MTA concern.
- SB 1505 (formally SB 160) may be heard in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on July 3. Capital Planning and Government Relations staff will be in attendance at that hearing. The Executive Management Committee adopted a position of "neutral seek amendments." A letter containing the specific amendments will be hand delivered to the legislature once the MTA Board formally adopts its position on SB 1505 tomorrow.
- The Conference Committee on SB 457, the measure relating to interregional rail, will meet June 26 and/or June 27. Additional proposed amendments may be shared with interested parties in the next few days but are unavailable for review at this writing.
- The House of Representatives will likely take action tomorrow or Thursday on the FY'97 DOT Spending Bill which includes funds for several MTA programs and projects including Metro Rail, Advanced Technology Transit Bus and Transit Operating.

- MTA staff is participating in meetings sponsored by the American Public Transit Association (APTA) with regard to reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act (ISTEA). Staff is assisting in the development of APTA's policy statement on the reauthorization of ISTEA which will be presented at the APTA annual meeting in October.