



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

August 19, 1997

DATE:

TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GISSELLE ACEVEDO-FRANCO

FEDERAL

- We were contacted today by Congressman Xavier Becerra's office informing us he is planning to hold a public hearing regarding the MTA on Tuesday, September 2, 1997, from 10am to 4pm. We will provide you with more details as they become available.

STATE

- Governor Pete Wilson today signed AB 946, authored by Assemblyman Carl Washington (D-Paramount), the measure that will enhance penalties for those who commit battery against all transit operators. The bill is effective January 1, 1998.

LOCAL

- Today, after a closed door session, the Los Angeles City Council **again** continued Item No. 20, 96-0329 regarding the merger of the MTA Transit Police, L.A. Police Department (LAPD) and the L.A. Sheriff's Department (LASD). **The item is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, August 26, 1997, in City Council.**

If you need further information contact Audrey Noda, Local issues at 213/922-2238, Claudette Moody, State issues at 213/922-2237 and Wilbur Babb, Federal issues at 213/922-2267.