



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GISSELLE ACEVEDO-FRANCO

- AB 1481 (Kuykendall), a bill which would create a nine-member appointed board for the MTA, will be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee on July 1. AB 1143 (Murray), a measure which would eliminate alternates on the MTA Board of Directors and provide for a four-year term of office for the MTA CEO, will also be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee on July 1.
- SB 567 (Polanco), a measure which restructures the MTA Board of Directors by decreasing the County Board of Supervisors' representation and adding an at-large City Selection Committee member, is currently scheduled to be considered by the Assembly Committee on Transportation on Monday, July 14. It is likely, however, that the hearing date on SB 567 will be changed to July 7. SB 89 (Hayden), a bill relating to gifts and campaign contributions to MTA Board Directors and staff, will be considered on July 14 by the Assembly Transportation Committee.
- Discussions continue in the Conference Committee on SB 60 relating to funding for the seismic retrofit of the state-owned toll bridges. The sticking point for the conferees is from what "pots" of funds the state portion (\$838 million) will be derived. MTA state advocates are actively lobbying the conferees to forward the interest of Los Angeles County. The Conference Committee will continue meeting until the issue is resolved.
- It is anticipated that the Assembly will consider AB 1521 (Scott) on Monday. AB 1521 is now the measure which will contain amendments relating to a loan from state transportation funds for MTA transit projects. The Senate passed the bill today, but the Assembly had adjourned before AB 1521 could be considered in that house. The Senate debate on the measure was not without controversy. Senator Kopp made his concerns with the loan "concept" clear. Senator Hayden strongly opposed the measure. The Senate Republican Caucus is on record as opposed to the loan concept. On Monday, the Assembly will "non-concur in," i.e. reject, the Senate amendments and the bill will be sent to a conference committee. It is in conference committee that the provisions of the loan will be incorporated into the bill.