

AB 1941 – LA Metro Board Membership

SUMMARY

AB 1941 will add two members to the Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro). The new members will consist of one voting member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and one voting member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

BACKGROUND

LA Metro serves as the transportation planner, coordinator, designer, builder and operator for the 9.6 million Californians living within Los Angeles County. The agency frequently provides local management for large state-funded highway construction projects, including the SR 405, SR 710 and SR 605 corridor expansions. LA Metro operates an overall budget of \$4.95 billion per year.

The existing Board consists of 14 members including four members from the City of Los Angeles and five members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Four members of the Board represent local governments outside the City of Los Angeles, and despite providing millions of dollars in funding annually, the State of California has no voting representatives on the LA Metro Board.

As implementation of SB 375 (2008) continues, more regional and statewide cooperation on large transit infrastructure projects is needed. Many of those who live and work in Los Angeles County commute daily to destinations in the neighboring counties. The widespread geographic reach of LA Metro's service area necessitates that Board members consider the impact of Board decisions on those Californians living outside of an individual member's local constituency.

EXISTING LAW

Public Utilities Code §130000: Establishes the County Transportation Commissions Act and sets general guidelines for County Transportation Commissions.

Public Utilities Code §130051: Establishes the Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority at 14 members.

THE SOLUTION

AB 1941 adds two legislative appointments to the Board of LA Metro. These members, appointed by state leadership, will enhance the regional perspective required for a modern transportation board. Currently, projects including the SR 605 and SR 405 interchange project, the SR 14 carpool extension and the Metro Gold Line Foothill extension all require LA Metro to coordinate projects that extend to the county border and beyond.

California's continuing efforts to develop regional solutions to greenhouse gas emissions and cut down on vehicle miles traveled requires the development of a comprehensive transportation solution. By adding a statewide perspective to the Board of LA Metro, California's largest county will continue to develop sustainable solutions for the state's transportation future.

Support/Opposition

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Opposition:

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