

Daily Brief

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SB 66 Bay Bridge Cleanup

The State Senate approved SB 66 late Wednesday, September 7, 2005. This measure addresses a number of clean-up issues that remained from the overall Bay Bridge funding plan and also includes language relating to reimbursements due to Metro for advances on state projects. This measure will now be sent to the Governor.

SB 216 Traffic Congestion Relief Program Allocations

The State Senate approved SB 216 today, Thursday, September 8, 2005. This measure authorizes the California Transportation Commission to re-allocate funds to Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) projects due to suspension of transportation funds by the state. A number of projects around the state were allocated funds through the TCRP and the funds were about to expire due to a 5-year expenditure deadline. The High Occupancy Vehicle lane on the 405 freeway was one such project. This measure will help to preserve over \$9 million that is currently available for the project. SB 216 will now be sent to the Governor.

SB 1026 Design Build on the 405 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane

As of this writing, the State Assembly is preparing to take up amendments to SB 1026 which will authorize Metro to use the design build contracting procedure on the 405 HOV lane. The measure will need to be considered in the Assembly and then immediately considered by the Senate.

SB 851 Metro's Procurement

The State Senate approved SB 851 on Wednesday September 7, 2005. This is

Metro's sponsored measure relating to our procurement process. This measure will now be sent to the Governor.

Update on Contract Bus Services Labor Issue - Day 39

Transportation Concepts Inc. had three outlates this morning on Line 96 ranging from 4 to 11 minutes. Two of the outlates were due to wheelchair lift repairs and one was due to a late driver. There were seven drivers and three teamster representatives on the picket lines. There were no incidents between the TCI drivers and picketers.

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