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## State Legislative Update

Saturday was the last day for Governor Schwarzenegger to act on bills. The Governor took action on the following bills listed below:

- [Senate Bill 1687 \(Murray\)](#), Metro and BART Procurement – This measure, which is an element of Metro's Legislative Program, brings state law into conformity with Federal procurement requirements.
- [Senate Bill 1384 \(Kuehl\)](#), Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority – This measure clarifies the roles and responsibilities of each agency and clarifies state law with respect to conflict of interest provisions for staff. The Board of Directors adopted a support position on this measure.
- [Senate Bill 1726 \(Lowenthal\)](#), Illuminated Headsigns – This measure clarifies state law with respect to the use of multi-colored headsigns. Certain elements of the California Vehicle Code had not been updated to reflect recent technological advances in headsigns. The California Patrol had cited certain agencies using multi-colored headsigns. The Board of Directors adopted a support position on this measure.

The Governor did veto one bill of note – [Senate Bill 1703](#). This measure, authored by Senator Alan Lowenthal, would have expanded the voting membership of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) from 9 to 11 members and allowed the Speaker of the Assembly and Senate President Pro Tem to appoint the two members. The Governor's [veto message](#) indicated his belief that this effort warrants additional scrutiny and consideration, in light of its change to the manner in which people are appointed to the CTC.

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## U.S. Department of Transportation Approves 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Funds

Yesterday, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) approved a \$19.3 billion, 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial Counties. The 2006 Regional TIP is a federally mandated listing of transportation capital improvements and transit services grants for the entire Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) region. Included within the 2006 Regional TIP is the \$9.4 billion Los Angeles County TIP that the Metro Board approved by resolution in [December 2005](#) and that Countywide Planning and Development submitted for SCAG review and approval in March 2006. The Los Angeles County TIP includes over 1,000 transit and highway projects, as well as transit services grants. USDOT approval allows Los Angeles County to implement its projects and services over the next six years (FY 2006-07 to FY 2011-12) with federal, state and local funds.

### **Los Angeles City Council Approves Request and Funding to Study Future Expo and Proposed Green Line Extension Link**

Today, the Los Angeles City Council approved its Transportation Committee's report requesting that the Expo Board amend the Expo Phase 2 EIR/EIS RFP to include a specific work task to analyze connecting Phase 2 of the Expo Line and a proposed Metro Green Line extension at Lincoln Blvd. In addition, the Council authorized the LADOT to expend an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to reimburse Expo for costs incurred for this additional work.

Last month, Expo Board Chair Burke agendized for this Thursday's Expo Board meeting a motion that would amend the Expo Phase 2 scope of work. The scope of work would add a task analyzing a potential Metro Green Line extension at the Lincoln Blvd intersection with the Expo Line if the City funds the additional work. This is consistent with the LA City Council's action today.

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