

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
2006/07 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE MATRIX
 April 2007

STATE ASSEMBLY

BILL/AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	MTA POSITION	STATUS
ACA 2 (Walters)	Would propose an amendment to the Constitution of the State to permit private property to be taken or damaged only for a stated public use and only when just compensation has been paid to, or into court for, the owner of the property.	To be determined	Assembly
AB 57 (Soto)	Would delete April 1, 2008, repeal date of the Safe Routes to School construction program, thereby extending the provisions indefinitely.	To be determined	Assembly Transportation Committee
AB 60 (Nava)	Would recast bicycle provisions as to overtake a bicycle by requiring the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle that is preceding in the same direction to pass to the left at a safe distance, at a minimum clearance without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle.	To be determined	Assembly Transportation Committee
AB 99 (Feuer)	Would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the use of clean, alternative fuels.	To be determined	Assembly
AB 470 (DeSaulnier)	Would remove the sunset clause on provisions relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices (Segways)	Support	Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 889 (Lieu)	Establishes a Metro Green Line Construction Authority	Oppose	Assembly
AB 900 (Núñez)	Expands the voting membership of the California Transportation Commission	Support	Assembly
AB 901 (Núñez)	Would provide accountability measures in the allocation of the money deposited in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account	Support if amended	Assembly Transportation Committee
AB 1209 (Karnette)	Would establish requirements for the allocation of \$1 billion in Proposition 1B proceeds for the California Ports Infrastructure, Security and Air Quality Improvement Account.	Support	Assembly Natural Resources Committee
AB 1306 (Huff)	Would eliminate the Public Transportation Account Spillover mechanism and reduce the portion of gasoline sales tax revenues that are deposited in the Public Transportation Account.	Oppose	Assembly Transportation Committee
AB 1326 (Houston)	Would remove the escalation clause automatically adjusting procurement thresholds applicable to Metro	Support	Assembly Local Government Committee Assembly Transportation Committee
AB 1350 (Núñez and Richardson)	Would establish requirements to conduct a study in order to facilitate allocation of transit security funds from Proposition 1B.	Support if amended	Assembly Transportation Committee

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STATE SENATE

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SB 9 (Lowenthal)	Would amend existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act.	Work with Author	Senate Rules Committee
SB 19 (Lowenthal)	Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes conditions and criteria for projects funded under provisions of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006.	Work with Author	Senate Rules Committee
SB 45 (Perata)	Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the application process for allocations from the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account.	Work with Author	Senate Rules Committee
SB 47 (Perata)	Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact provisions governing project eligibility, matching fund requirements, and the application process relative to allocation of bond proceeds of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and port Security Bond Act of 2006 to the State-Local Partnership Program.	Work with Author	Senate Rules Committee
SB 163 (Migden)	Obligates the State to fund connecting ramps from the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge to Yerba Buena Island	Oppose	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
SB 445 (Torlakson)	Would create the Road User Task Force to report on alternatives to the current system of taxing road users through per-gallon fuel taxes	Support if amended	Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 650 (Padilla)	Expands the maximum vehicle length requirement for buses	Support	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
SB 724 (Kuehl)	Would specify an expedited process for Exposition Construction Authority grade crossing applications	Support	Senate Rules Committee
SB 748 (Corbett)	Would establish the purpose of State-Local Partnership Program and adopt guidelines for the California Transportation Commission.	Oppose	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
SB 974 (Lowenthal)	Requires the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Oakland to impose container fees	Support if amended	Senate

Deferred = bill will be brought up at another time; Chaptered = bill has become law; LA = Last Amended; Enrolled = bill sent to Governor for approval or veto
Note: "Status" will provide most recent action on the legislation and current position in the legislative process.

SCA 1 (McClintock)	Would relate to eminent domain proceedings. Provides that private property may be taken or damaged only for a stated public use, and not without the consent of the owner for purposes of economic development, increasing tax revenue, or any other private use, nor for maintaining the present use by a different owner.	To be determined	Senate Judiciary Committee
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STATE/FEDERAL

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H.R. 238 (Waxman)	<p>H.R. 238 is a measure that seeks to repeal a restriction on federal funding for subway tunneling in the Wilshire Corridor.</p> <p>Specifically, H.R. 238 would provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeal the second sentence of section 321 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts of 1986 (99 Stat. 1287). That sentence reads: “None of the funds described in Section 320 may be made available for any segment of the downtown Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project unless and until the Southern California Rapid Transit District officially notifies and commits to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration that no part of the Metro Rail project will tunnel into or through any zone designated as a potential risk zone or high potential risk zone in the report of the City of Los Angeles dated June 10, 1985, entitled “Task Force Report on the April 24, 1985 Methane Gas Explosion and Fire in the Fairfax Area.” 	<p>Passed the U.S. House of Representatives on February 7, 2007.</p> <p>Referred to Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on March 27, 2007</p>
S. 294 (Lautenberg)	<p>This legislation seeks to authorize \$19.2 billion in federal funds for Amtrak by authorizing \$3.2 billion per year for six years. The funds would be used to implement a comprehensive plan to revitalize and reform Amtrak that will enhance security, put new quality standards in place and make fundamental operational reforms in order to provide the best quality service to its passengers.</p>	<p>Hearings held in the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security on February 27, 2007.</p> <p>S. 294 was referred for action to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on April 16, 2007.</p>

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FY 2008 Transportation Appropriations Request	<p><u>\$80 million in Section 5309 New Starts Funding for the final design and construction of the Eastside Light Rail project.</u> This innovative light rail project would run from Union Station through East Los Angeles, serving one of the most transit-dependent areas in the City of Los Angeles.</p> <p><u>\$10 million in Section 5309 Bus and Bus Related Discretionary Funding to assist Metro in “greening” our existing bus facilities.</u> Metro supports the Municipal Operators Bus Appropriations requests.</p> <p><u>\$16.7 million in Section 5309 Very Small Starts Funding,</u> to expand eight more Metro Rapid routes across Los Angeles County.</p>	<p>December 2006-LACMTA Board Adopted 2007 Legislative program</p> <p>FY08 Appropriations requests submitted to Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Representative Roybal-Allard.</p>
S. 497 (Boxer/Feinstein)	<p>A bill that would repeal a prohibition on the use of federal funds on the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project.</p>	<p>Introduced on February 6, 2007 and referred for action to the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Development Committee</p>