

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**  
**2006/07 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE MATRIX**  
 October 2007

**STATE ASSEMBLY**

BILL/AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	MTA POSITION	STATUS
AB 470 (DeSaulnier)	Would remove the sunset clause on provisions relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices (Segways)	Support	Senate Appropriations Committee - Chaptered
AB 889 (Lieu)	Establishes a Metro Green Line Construction Authority	Oppose	Suspense file
AB 900 (Núñez)	Expands the voting membership of the California Transportation Commission	Support	Amended to a different subject it is now AB 1672
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	Amended into SB 88 bond implementation trailer bill
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	Amended into SB 88 bond implementation trailer bill
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	Failed passage
AB 1326 (Houston)	Would remove the escalation clause automatically adjusting procurement thresholds applicable to Metro	Support	Chaptered
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	In trailer SB 88
AB 1351 (Levine)	Would establish the purpose of State-Local Partnership Program and adopt guidelines for the California Transportation Commission.	Support	2 year bill
AB 1672 (Núñez)	Expands the voting membership of the California Transportation Commission	Support	Chaptered

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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	Assembly Appropriations 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	Amended into SB 88 bond implementation trailer bill
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	Amended into SB 88 bond implementation trailer bill
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	2 year bill
SB 79 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)	Transportation budget trailer bill. Provides that future Public Transportation Account Spillover (PTA) revenues will be allocated ½ to the General Fund and ½ to the PTA.		Chaptered
SB 88 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)	Implements various categories of funding from Proposition 1B.		Chaptered
SB 163 (Migden)	Obligates the State to fund connecting ramps from the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge to Yerba Buena Island	Oppose	Chaptered

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SB 375 (Steinberg)	Would require Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) to address the reduction of greenhouse gases and require transportation funding to be allocated according to those plans. Would authorize modified environmental review procedures for projects conforming to the new plans.	Work with Author	2 year bill
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	2 year bill
SB 650 (Padilla)	Expands the maximum vehicle length requirement for buses	Support	Amended to a different subject
SB 716 (Perata)	Would establish an allocation process for public transit funding made available from the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act (November 2006) (November 2006).	Oppose	Amended into SB 88
SB 717 ( Perata)	Modifies the allocation of Proposition 42 funds that flow into the Public Transportation Account.		Chaptered
SB 724 (Kuehl)	Would specify an expedited process for Exposition Construction Authority grade crossing applications	Support	2 year bill
SB 748 (Corbett)	Would establish the purpose of State-Local Partnership Program and adopt guidelines for the California Transportation Commission.	Oppose	2 year bill
SB 803 (Lowenthal)	Would require that projects utilizing a community conservation corps be given priority in the allocation of transportation enhancement funds.	Support	Vetoed
SB 964 (Romero)	Would prohibit a majority of the members of a legislative body from using a series of communications, directly or through intermediaries, to conduct deliberations, including, but not limited to any communications that advance or clarify a member's understanding of an issue.	Neutral	Vetoed
SB 974 (Lowenthal)	Requires the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Oakland to impose container fees	Work with Author	Inactive file

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<p>H.R. 238/S.497 Waxman/Boxer/Feinstein</p>	<p>H.R. 238/S.497 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"> <li>• 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 July 10, 1985, entitled “Task Force Report on the April 24, 1985 Methane Gas Explosion and Fire in the Fairfax Area.”</li> </ul>	<p>Passed the House of Representatives on February 7, 2007.</p> <p>Referred to Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on March 27, 2007</p> <p>July 11, 2007: legislative language included in House Appropriations FY08 Committee report.</p> <p>July 12, 2007: legislative language included in Senate Appropriations FY08 Committee report.</p> <p>October 12, 2007: legislative language included in the FY08 Transportation Appropriations bill adopted on Senate floor</p>

<p><b>H.R. 1195/S. 1611</b> <b>Oberstar/Dodd</b></p>	<p>H.R.1195/S. 1611, amends the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes</p>	<p>June 6, 2007: Senate Committees on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs and Environment &amp; Public Works approved with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.</p> <p>June 13, 2006: placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 198.</p> <p>August 1, 2007: House passed H.R. 3248 – a modified version of H.R. 1195</p>
<p><b>S. 1926</b> <b>Dodd</b></p>	<p>S. 1926 seeks to establish a National Infrastructure Bank to provide funding for qualified infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>August 1, 2007: Read twice and referred to Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs</p>

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H.R. 1475/S.712 McGovern/Schumer	H.R. 1475/S.712, Bills that amends Internal Revenue Code to create parity between the parking and transit portions of the transportation tax benefit.	March 12, 2007: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means as well as Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  February 28, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance
H.R. 2783 Tauscher	H.R. 2783 provides federal reimbursement for mass transportation services as a result of a highway emergency.	June 19, 2007: House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  June 20, 2007, referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit  August 1, 2007: language from H.R. 2783 is included in a SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill (H.R. 3248) adopted by the House
H.R. 2548/S.1499 Solis/Boxer	H.R. 2548/S.1499 amends the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels.	May 24, 2007: House Committee on Energy and Commerce and Senate Committee on Environment and Public works
H.R. 2701 Oberstar	H.R. 2701 strengthens our Nation's energy security and mitigates the effects of climate change by promoting energy efficient transportation and public buildings, creating incentives for the use of alternative fuel vehicles and renewable energy, and ensuring sound water resource and natural disaster preparedness planning, and for other purposes.	June 20, 2007: House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote

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<p><b>FY 2008 Transportation Appropriations Request</b></p>	<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> <p>July 11, 2007: House Appropriations Committee approved FY08 Appropriations Bill, includes subway legislative language, \$80 million for Eastside Extension and \$16.7 for Small Starts program</p> <p>July 12, 2007: Senate Appropriations Committee approved FY08 Appropriations Bill, includes subway legislative language and \$70 million for Eastside Extension</p> <p>July 24, 2007: Full House adopts bill, includes subway legislative language, \$80 million for Eastside Extension and \$16.7 for Small Starts program</p> <p>September 12, 2007: Full Senate adopts bill with subway legislative language and \$70 million for Eastside Extension</p>
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