



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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- Late last evening, the Assembly Transportation Committee approved AB 1759 (Runner), by a vote of 12-3. The measure now incorporates all of MTA's suggested amendments pertaining to MTA's programming and funding allocations process. AB 1759 will next be considered by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- Today, SB 2036 (Rosenthal), the measure relating to the removal of billboards, passed the Senate Governmental Organization Committee by a vote of 6-2. The original bill encompassed all public agencies and publicly held properties with billboards. The bill was amended to specifically address only the MTA-owned property along Chandler Boulevard.
- The Senate Transportation Committee passed SB 1847 (Schiff), by a vote of 4-2. The measure which establishes a joint powers authority for the construction of the Pasadena Monorail Line. The bill was just recently amended to specify that property and funds would be turned over to the joint powers authority. More specific information on these amendments will be shared with the MTA Board of Directors as soon as possible. Staff testified that the agency has a "work with author position," but indicated that staff is concerned with some of the recent amendments.
- The Senate Transportation Committee also passed a significantly amended version of SB 1886 (Hayden). The amended bill, which was written during the committee hearing, now calls for the establishment of a San Fernando Valley Transportation Board which would be responsible for all planning and programming of transportation projects in that region. Consistent with Board direction, staff testified in opposition to this bill. The amendments eliminate the operational function originally included in the entity. Therefore the unions removed their opposition to the bill. As soon as the amended version is in print, staff will transmit it to the Board.
- The Assembly Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on the MTA's Draft Restructuring Plan and other MTA issues on May 15, 1998, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the MTA Board Room. Staff will obtain an agenda of this hearing as soon as one is available.