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| **Key Metro-Related Transportation Legislation Advances in California Legislature**  Metro's State advocacy team continues to make progress in advancing key bills through the Legislative process. The following summarizes actions from today and one bill remaining from late yesterday.  AB 2245 (Smyth) - Late  yesterday, the California State Senate Environmental Quality Committee unanimously passed Metro's sponsored measure, AB 2245.  This bill would exempt certain bike lane projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.  The bill now moves onto the Floor for consideration.  AB 2440 (Lowenthal) -  Today, the California State Senate Transportation and Housing Committee voted in favor of Metro's sponsored measure, AB 2440.  This bill would reform  Metro's procurement statutes and make Metro a Customer of Choice.  The bill now moves onto the Appropriations Committee for consideration.  AB 1706 (Eng) - Today, the California State Senate Transportation and Housing Committee voted in favor of AB 1706.  This bill would clarify laws related to vehicle weight limits which could have severely restricted our ability to operate our transit bus fleet.  This bill now moves onto the Appropriations Committee for consideration.  AB 1446 (Feuer) - Today, the California State Senate Governance and Finance Committee approved  AB 1446.  The Committee noted that Metro is currently considering a motion sponsored by Director Fasana. The author committed that if this motion is approved by the Board he will include legislative intent language memorializing the Board action. This bill would allow Metro to place an extension of Measure R onto a future ballot for voter consideration.  This bill now moves onto the Appropriations Committee for consideration. |
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