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| **High Speed Rail Vote Pending in California State Senate**  While the California State Legislature and the Governor have resolved many major budget issues, a key transportation issue, funding high speed rail, remains unresolved. The recent focus has been on the State Senate where the votes to approve the high speed rail funding plan appear uncertain.  The budget would provide allocations as follows: approximately $6 billion to fund the initial segment Central Valley which is a combination of federal grant funds and state proposition funds; $1.1 billion for the Memoranda of Understanding in Northern and Southern California; and almost $900 million in funds for connectivity projects. Metro's connectivity project is the Regional Connector. The allocation of state funds is critical for this project as it is the match for our proposed federal grant.  Please find attached a [letter](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120703_High_Speed_Rail_Letter.pdf) from various transit agencies supporting the budget vote. We encourage Board members to communicate their support for this program to members of the State Senate. Should you wish to communicate such support please contact Michael Turner, who is in Sacramento today, at [turnerm@metro.net](mailto:turnerm@metro.net).  [**http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/120703\_High\_Speed\_Rail\_Letter.pdf**](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120703_High_Speed_Rail_Letter.pdf) |
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