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| **Friday, July 6, 2012120706-2****In this Issue:****California State Senate Narrowly Approves High Speed Rail Funding** |

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| **California State Senate Narrowly Approves High Speed Rail Funding**Moments ago, the California State Senate voted to approve [SB 1029](http://simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=55522&NL=4423&N=69826&SI=2084469&URL=http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120705_SB_1029.pdf), the budget trailer bill which provides funding for the California High Speed Rail Project. The measure was adopted by a vote of 21-16.  This trailer bill includes appropriations for:* The Central Valley in the amount of $2.61 billion in Prop 1A funding for construction of the initial operating segment.
* “Bookend” Investments pursuant Memoranda of Understanding for Northern and Southern California in the amount of $1.1 billion. This funding will allow Southern California agencies to begin construction on the projects in our region, which will form the building blocks for High Speed Rail, and provide immediate benefit to the Metrolink system.
* Connectivity Projects in the amount of $713.3 million to local rail agencies around the state. These funds will provide Metro with over $100 million for the Regional Connector and $88 million for Metrolink.

The bill now moves to Governor Brown’s office, where it is expected to be signed into law.   |
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