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| **Proposed Amendments to Privacy Legislation Causing Concern to Transit Agencies**Newly proposed amendments to Assembly Bill 179 (Bocanegra) are causing concern for Metro and other state transit agencies. The bill, if amended, could have negative impacts on coordination efforts between these agencies and law enforcement because it would require law enforcement to obtain a warrant to obtain video footage of accidents and incidents on our trains and buses. This could result in serious delays in investigating crimes and accidents on our system.  On April 25, 2013, the Metro Board of Directors adopted a “SUPPORT IF AMENDED” position on the bill. After that time, the bill’s author was able to address our concerns regarding uncertainty about the restrictions related to privacy that could have threatened our ability to use new technology that has added benefits to our patrons. However, if the newly proposed amendments are incorporated in the bill, it will be necessary for Metro to change our position to OPPOSE. We will keep you apprised of any developments as they occur regarding this legislation. |
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