



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: August 16, 1996

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RAE JAMES

- MTA lobbyists were part of a conference call yesterday with Business, Transportation and Housing Agency staff to further develop strategy on securing passage of SB 1505, the bill which substantially amends the current STIP process. The lobbyists developed the following list of Los Angeles County Assembly Members for you to call to request their support for SB 1505:

<u>ASSEMBLY MEMBER</u>	<u>SACTO NUMBER</u> (916) area code	<u>DISTRICT NUMBER</u>
Marguerite Archie-Hudson	445-2363	(213) 745-6656
Louis Caldera	445-4843	(213) 680-4646
Mantha Escutia	445-8188	(213) 582-7774
Grace Napolitano	445-0965	(310) 406-7322
Curtis Tucker	445-7533	(310) 412-6400
Antonio Villaraigosa	445-0703	(213) 255-7079

- Latest word on SB 1505 is that it will be heard on the Assembly floor later next week, not on Monday, August 19. Professional Engineers in California Government (PEG), the Caltrans engineers association, is opposing the bill because its members believe that SB 1505 would allow for greater contracting out authority for Caltrans. A recent Legislative Counsel opinion, requested by Senate pro Tempore Bill Lockyer, disputes the PEG assertion. MTA lobbyists will be sharing that opinion with the LA Delegation. If you would like a copy of the opinion, which is several pages long, please call Claudette Moody at (213) 922-2237.
- The next hearing of the Conference Committee on SB 160 is scheduled for Monday, August 19, no earlier than 4:00 p.m. The item slated to be discussed regards the inclusion in the bill of authority for Caltrans to reach agreements with private entities for "turn-key" projects throughout the state. MTA Lobbyists will be in attendance at that hearing.
- The MTA's proposal for the Los Angeles City's contribution towards the construction of Metro Rail Line Segment 3 was approved by the LA Council's Budget and Finance.

Committee today by a 2-1 vote. The item will be heard in City Council on Tuesday, August 20. The Committee members include Council Members Alatorre, Feuer, and Walters. Council Member Rita Walters was the "no" vote. If you should have any questions regarding the City Council action, please call Audrey Noda at (213) 922-2238.