



# MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- On Tuesday, August 5, agreement was reached on the funding for the seismic retrofit of the state-owned toll bridges. The basic provisions of the agreement, to be incorporated into SB 60 (Kopp), are as follows:
  - \$ 875 million from state funds;
  - Funding provided over a 7-year period;
  - State account impacted include:
    - State and Local Partnership = \$370 million
    - TSM = \$75 million
    - TCI = \$130 million
    - STIP "Savings" = \$300 million
  - The Bay Area bridges will have toll increase of \$1 dollar, not to exceed 10 years; and,
  - The Vincent Thomas Bridge in Los Angeles County will not have a toll increase.
- Capital Planning staff is reviewing the agreement to ascertain the direct impact on Los Angeles County. MTA lobbyists believe that, in light of other proposals considered over the past year, this agreement provides a certain level of protection for transportation funding slated for projects in Southern California. Although staff did not see any articles on this issue in the Los Angeles Times today, we do have copies of articles on the subject from the Sacramento Bee and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Please call Claudette Moody at (213) 922-2237 if you would like more information.