



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: August 8, 1997

TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- On Thursday, August 7, the League of California Cities - Los Angeles Division adopted an oppose, unless amended position on SB 567 (Polanco). SB 567 is the legislation which would significantly restructure the MTA Board of Directors by providing for only one, non-elected official representative for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, four non-elected representatives appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, and four elected representatives selected by the City Selection Committee. Staff shared the MTA's position on SB 567 with the members of the League's Transportation and Legislation Committees. Additionally, Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Sheila Kuehl, the dinner speaker for the evening, indicated her strong opposition to SB 567 and waited to hear the final vote on the measure by the League membership. Staff is following up with the League to ensure a letter is forthcoming and is seeking to obtain additional individual letters from cities and chambers.
- Today, August 8, the Legislature's Budget Conference Committee unanimously approved the conference report pertaining to the agreement reached on funding for the seismic retrofit of the state-owned toll bridges. There is still an outstanding issue relating to the transfer of authority for the Bay Area bridges to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) which will be handled in a separate, trailer bill. Staff and lobbyists are monitoring this remaining issue to ensure there is no negative impact on Los Angeles County.

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