



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: September 15, 1997

TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES

FROM: GISELLE ACEVEDO-FRANCO

The following represents final action of the Legislature for the first half of the 1997-1998 Legislative session:

- SB 45 (Knopp), the STIP reform bill, passed the Senate late Friday night, September 12, by a 34-0 vote. SB 45, a measure strongly supported by the MTA, will streamline the funding process at the state level and provide more local authority over transportation spending priorities. SB 45 has been forwarded, or "enrolled," to the Governor for his consideration.
- AB 1020 (Firestone), a modest bill that will incrementally provide additional funding for bicycle programs, has been forwarded to the Governor for consideration.
- AB 1561 (Murray), an omnibus bill sponsored by the Assembly Committee on Transportation, has also been sent to the Governor for his signature. The bill includes a provision that allows MTA-sponsored joint development projects to be included as part of designated "transit villages." The inclusion of this provision was an element of the MTA 1997 Legislative Program.
- SB 812 (Hayden), a bill to exempt vehicles operated by Access Services from certain licensing fees, has been enrolled to the Governor for his consideration. The MTA has a support position on SB 812.

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