

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
2005/06 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE MATRIX
 September 2006

STATE ASSEMBLY

| BILL/AUTHOR | DESCRIPTION | MTA POSITION | STATUS |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| ACA 4 (Plescia) LA 5/9 | Would remove the suspension clause from Proposition 42 | SUPPORT | Incorporated into Proposition 1A |
| ACA 10 (Núñez) | Would protect Proposition 42 funds | SUPPORT WORK WITH AUTHOR | Incorporated into Proposition 1A |
| ACA 11 (Oropeza) | Would remove the suspension clause from Prop. 42 funds and authorizes funds to be loaned to the General Fund under specific conditions | SUPPORT | Incorporated into Proposition 1A |
| AB 267 (Daucher) LA 6/1 | Would expand the process by which local agencies may be reimbursed by the California Transportation Commission for advancement of local funds for state funded projects. | SUPPORT | Senate Appropriations |
| AB 343 (Huff) | Requires the repayment of loans from the Public Transportation Account | SUPPORT | Amended-New Subject |
| AB 426 (Bogh) | Would require the conversion of all HOV lanes to mixed flow lanes during off-peak periods | OPPOSE | Failed |
| AB 509 (Richman) | Would authorize regional transportation agencies to enter into agreements to develop user financed transportation projects | SUPPORT WORK WITH AUTHOR | Part of Public/ Private Partnership bill AB 1567 |
| AB 1010 (Oropeza) LA 4/6 | Would transfer Grade Crossing approvals from the Public Utilities Commission to Caltrans. | SUPPORT WORK WITH AUTHOR | Amended -New Subject |
| AB 1067 (Frommer) | Would expand the type of grade separation violations that can be imposed | SUPPORT WORK WITH AUTHOR | Chaptered |
| AB 1169 (Torricono) | Would expand the violations against transit operators for which increased penalties may be assessed | SUPPORT | Amended – New Subject |
| AB 1276 (Oropeza) | Would require the creation of a taskforce to study congestion along the state's intermodal corridors | SUPPORT WORK WITH AUTHOR | Assembly |
| AB 1649 (Liu) | Would address governance issues of the Metro Gold Line-Foothills Extension | OPPOSE, WORK WITH AUTHOR | Failed |
| AB 1699 (Frommer) | Would require the Department of Transportation to conduct a study of the safety of push-pull commuter rail and intercity rail passenger operations in California | OPPOSE | Enrolled/ Amended – Remove Opposition |
| AB 1702 (Frommer) | Would appropriate \$500 million from the General Fund using Economic Recovery Bonds to the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund (TCRP), to repay or reimburse transportation projects and programs | SUPPORT | Amended – New Subject |
| AB 1714 (Plescia) LA 5/3 | Modifies the cost estimates to complete the Toll Bridge Seismic Safety Repair and Retrofit Program and identifies funding for the revised estimates. | WORK WITH AUTHOR | Incorporated into AB 144 |

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| AB 1783 (Nunez) | California Infrastructure improvement, Smart Growth, Economic Reinvestment, and Emergency, Preparedness Financing Act of 2006 | SUPPORT WORK WITH AUTHOR | Assembly |
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| AB 3047 (Canciamilla) | Authorizes Caltrans to enter into 10 franchise agreements for the development of privately financed transportation projects | SUPPORT IF AMENDED | Incorporated into AB 1467 |
| RUNNER, CANCIAMILLA, NIELLO, KEENE | GO CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE - SB 705, AB 850, AB 1266, ACA 4X | SUPPORT AND, SUPPORT WORK WITH AUTHORS | SB 705 – Died AB 850 – Died AB 1266 – Died ACA 4X- Committee on Budget Process |

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STATE SENATE

| BILL/AUTHOR | DESCRIPTION | MTA POSITION | STATUS |
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| SB 172 (Torlakson) LA 5/27 | Grants budgetary control of all toll revenues to the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA). | WORK WITH AUTHOR | Assembly Transportation |
| SB 275 (Torlakson) | Would require Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission to conduct a 10 year transportation needs assessment | SUPPORT | Vetoed |
| SB 523 (Torlakson) | Would require that \$7.2 million be annually allocated to the Bicycle Transportation Account | SUPPORT | Vetoed |
| SB 682 (Migden) | Identity Information Protection Act of 2005 | WORK WITH AUTHOR | Amended – New Subject |
| SB 851 (Murray) | Would streamline LACMTA procurement process | SUPPORT SEEK AMENDMENT | Vetoed |
| SB 927 (Lowenthal) | Would require the Ports of LA and Long Beach to develop a process for collecting a user fee on the owner of container cargo moving through both ports at a rate of \$30 per twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) | SUPPORT | Enrolled |
| SB 1024 (Perata and Torlakson) LA 5/12 | Authorizes the sale of \$7.688 billion in general obligation bonds for capital improvement projects throughout the state, including funding for toll Bridge Seismic Safety Repair and Retrofit Program. | WORK WITH AUTHOR | Incorporated into 1266 |
| SB 1026 (Perata) | Safe Facilities Improved Mobility and Clean Air Bond Act | SUPPORT-WORK WITH AUTHOR | Chaptered |
| SB 1384 (Kuehl) | Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority | SUPPORT | Enrolled |
| SB 1507 (Margett) | Would restructure the Metro Board of Directors membership. | OPPOSE | Failed - adjourned |
| SB 1611 (Simitian) | Would provide authorization to Congestion Management Agencies (CMA) to impose increase on vehicle fees for congestion relief projects | SUPPORT | Assembly Appropriations |
| SB 1687 (Murray) | | SUPPORT | Enrolled |
| SB 1726 (Lowenthal) | Would clarify the use of color-coded destination signs and update provisions that reflect the advances in technology | SUPPORT | Enrolled |
| SB 1749 (Migden) | Authorizes the creation of Transit Adjudication Bureaus for the enforcement of penal code violations on transit properties | SUPPORT | Chaptered 258 |

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| BILL/AUTHOR | The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Act of 2006 | MTA POSITION | STATUS |
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| SCA 7 (Torlakson) | Proposition 42 fix | SUPPORT* | Chaptered |
| AB 1540 (Nunez) | Ballot language | SUPPORT | Chaptered |
| AB 1467 (Nunez) | Public Private Partnerships | SUPPORT* | Chaptered |
| AB 1039 (Nunez) | Permit streamlining for bridges (CEQA exemptions) | SUPPORT* | Chaptered |
| AB 143 (Nunez) | Design build projects | SUPPORT* | |
| SB 1266 (Perata) | Transit and Air Quality bond | SUPPORT | Chaptered |

- The Board has approved these legislative issues in previous actions.

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| <p>State Implementation of SAFETEA LU</p> | <p>Would authorize funds for Federal aid for bus and rail programs and for other purposes.</p> <p>MTA Board approved to support TEA-21 State of California and Los Angeles County's General Principles. Return to the MTA Board with TEA-21 Reauthorization Criteria listing.</p> <p>June 27, 2002 Board Approved State of California and LA County Regional General Principles.</p> <p>September 26, 2002 MTA Board approved the Revised LA County Regional General Principles and Priority Project lists.</p> <p>January 2006 State of California reviewing SAFETEA LU provisions.</p> | <p>August 10, 2005, SAFETEA-LU is signed into law by President George W. Bush (Public Law 109- 59)</p> |

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| FY 2007 Transportation Appropriations Request | <p><u>\$100 million in Section 5309 New Starts Funding for the final design and construction of the Eastside Light Rail project.</u> This innovative light rail project would run from Union Station through East Los Angeles, serving one of the most transit-dependent areas in the City of Los Angeles.</p> <p><u>\$10 million in Section 5309 Bus and Bus Related Discretionary Funding to assist the MTA with purchasing new alternative fuel buses and constructing bus divisions.</u> The MTA currently operates the world's largest fleet of state-of-the-art clean burning buses and is fully committed to expanding its highly successful Metro Rapid Bus program.</p> <p>Support the Municipal Operators Bus Appropriations requests.</p> <p><u>\$2 million in Intelligent Transportation System Funding.</u> These resources would be utilized to implement the MTA's Regional Universal Fare System (RUFS). The RUFS would permit passengers using a card imbedded with a computer chip to board all MTA buses and trains and transfer to services offered by municipal operators, paratransit and Metrolink without having to be concerned with purchasing a new fare or carrying change.</p> | <p>December 15, 2005-LACMTA Board Adopted 2006 Legislative program</p> <p>House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee Markup of Fiscal Year 2007 funding bill tentatively slated for May 24, 2006.</p> <p>Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee Markup of Fiscal Year 2007 funding bill tentatively slated for early June 2006.</p> |
| HR 4653 (Waxman) | <p>A bill that would repeal a prohibition on the use of federal funds on the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project.</p> | <p>Passed House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee on 7/19/06; awaiting House floor action.</p> |

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| (Senator Shelby) Support – Work With Author | Would authorize funds for Federal aid for bus and rail programs and for other purposes. | Provisions enacted into SAFETEA-LU signed into law on August 10, 2005 | |
| (Senator Feinstein) Support | Would amend Title 23, United States Code, to provide for HOV-lane exemptions for low-emission and hybrid vehicles. | Provision included in SAFETEA-LU | |
| S. 197 (Boxer) | A bill authorizing the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of highway-railroad grade crossings and to provide grants for grade separations that would enhance safety and for grade crossings on rail lines that have a high volume of goods movement. | SUPPORT – WORK WITH AUTHOR | Provision included in SAFETEA-LU |

Deferred = bill will be brought up at another time; Chaptered = bill has become law; LA = Last Amended; Enrolled = bill sent to Governor for approval or veto
Note: "Status" will provide most recent action on the legislation and current position in the legislative process.

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| TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION | <p>MTA Board approved to support TEA-21 State of California and Los Angeles County's General Principles. Return to the MTA Board with TEA-21 Reauthorization Criteria listing.</p> <p>June 27, 2002 Board Approved State of California and LA County Regional General Principles.</p> <p>September 26, 2002 MTA Board approved the Revised LA County Regional General Principles and Priority Project lists.</p> | <p>March 10, 2005 U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3 (Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users). The bill passed by a vote of 417 to 9.</p> <p>March 14, 2005 The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved the safety title of the Senate's transportation reauthorization bill.</p> <p>March 16, 2005 The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee adopted SAFETEA by a vote of 17 to 1. This bill addresses the highway portion of the transportation reauthorization bill.</p> <p>March 17, 2005 The Senate Banking Committee passed. "The Federal Public Transportation Act of 2005." This bill addresses the transit portion of the transportation reauthorization bill.</p> <p>March 19, 2005, the Senate Finance Committee passed the revenue measure that provides the necessary financing to support the transportation reauthorization bill.</p> <p>Passed on U.S. Senate Floor.</p> <p>July 29, 2005, the conference agreement on the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was overwhelmingly approved by the House (412-8) and Senate (91-4).</p> <p>August 10, 2005, SAFETEA-LU is signed into law by President George W. Bush (Public Law 109- 59)</p> <p>September 13, 2006, the U.S. Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee approved a federal highway technical corrections measure to last year's Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act (SAFETEA-LU), also extends the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission to December 31, 2007.</p> |
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