

County Connection

INTER OFFICE MEMO

To: Board of Directors

Date: September 10, 2015

From: Kristina Martinez

Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: State Legislative Update

Action Required:

The following update is for informational purposes only regarding the extraordinary session on transportation. In addition, please see the update on AB 1250 (Bloom) surrounding bus axle weight. No action is required by the Board of Directors.

Background:

Extraordinary Session on Transportation

Staff provided a brief update (see attached) on the extraordinary session to the MP&L Committee at its September meeting. Since then, the following updates have become available.

1. The original Senate bills with regard to Cap and Trade funds and Sales and Use Tax have made it out of the Senate Transportation Committee.
2. Subsequently, the Governor has released a long awaited transportation funding package. Within that package, the transit piece contains a one-time only allocation of \$400 million out of the Cap and Trade Program to the Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). These funds are for capital only and awarded on a statewide basis.

At this time, staff is hearing it is unlikely that the package will emerge for the Governor to sign with one day left in the session and a number of disagreements surrounding the funding allocation. Staff will give a final update on the session at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

Update on AB 1250 (Bloom) – Bus Axle Weight

The most current update on AB 1250 shows that the California Transit Association (CTA) has reached a compromise with the League of Cities and California State Association of Counties (CSAC) in regards to the bus axle weight limit issue. Ultimately, this will raise the current bus axle weight limit, but will steadily decrease on a time framed schedule.

In addition, within the last week, the Director of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has brought forward requests to amend AB 1250, including dividing the bus axle weight limits into a two-tiered schedule. This divides articulated and zero-emissions buses, and those considered “all other” (diesel and CNG) buses. Both CTA and Caltrans have reached a compromise that has set the schedule of bus weights within the two-tiered system.

Additional updates on the outcome of AB 1250 will be provided to the MP&L Committee and Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meetings in October.

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To: MP&L Committee

Date: August 25, 2015

From: Kristina Martinez

Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Update on Board Approval for Support of Transit Bills in Extraordinary Session

Action Required:

The following update is for informational purposes only regarding the extraordinary session on transportation. No action is required by the MP&L Committee.

Background:

At the August County Connection Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved to support four transit bills which were introduced during the extraordinary session on transportation. This included ABX1 7 and SBX1 8 with regard to Cap and Trade funds, alongside ABX1 8 and SBX1 7 with regard to Sales and Use Tax.

Since its introduction to the extraordinary session in July 2015, no updates have been made available. Following the Board's approval, staff has forwarded letters of support regarding each of the four bills to local delegates. Staff will continue to update the MP&L committee as any changes or updates occur through the extraordinary session.