

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: April 7, 2003
THROUGH: LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (APRIL 1)
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR AB 1652: LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council support AB 1652 (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) as introduced, and authorize the Mayor to send letters to the appropriate authorities conveying Pasadena's position.

BILL SUMMARY

AB 1652 would increase the number of members of the Authority from 14 to 16 and would increase the members appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee from four to six.

For purposes of selecting these six members, the County of Los Angeles, excluding the City of Los Angeles, would be divided into six sectors by the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division. Every city within a sector would be entitled to vote to submit one or more candidates from that sector for consideration for appointment by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. Each city's vote would be weighted in the same proportion that its population bears to the total population of all cities within that sector.

BACKGROUND

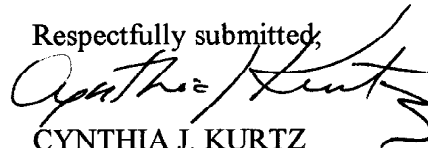
In February, Assemblymember George Nakano introduced AB 1652 based on the premise that the LAMTA Board, in its current form, fails to equitably represent cities within the county. The four members (representing 87 cities) appointed by the City Selection Committee comprise less than one third of the MTA Board despite representing a majority of the county's population and generating 63% of Prop. A and C sales tax revenue. Adding two additional members to the City Selection Committee's appointments would reflect a more accurate proportional distribution. The City Selection Committee appointed members' voting percentage would increase from 30% to 40%.

While the League of California Cities has not taken a position for the time being, the Los Angeles County Division supports this measure. On March 27, the MTA Board voted to adopt staff's recommendation opposing the measure by a vote of 7-5; however, Supervisor Antonovich was in favor. The SGVCOG is anticipated to vote in support of the measure in the upcoming weeks. The bill is scheduled for hearing April 21 in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

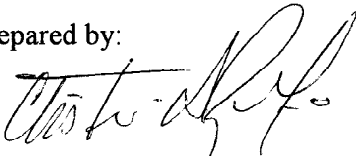
This item has no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,



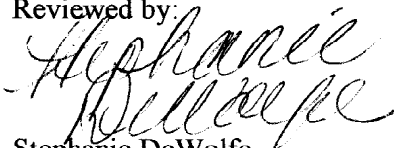
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