

SB 268: LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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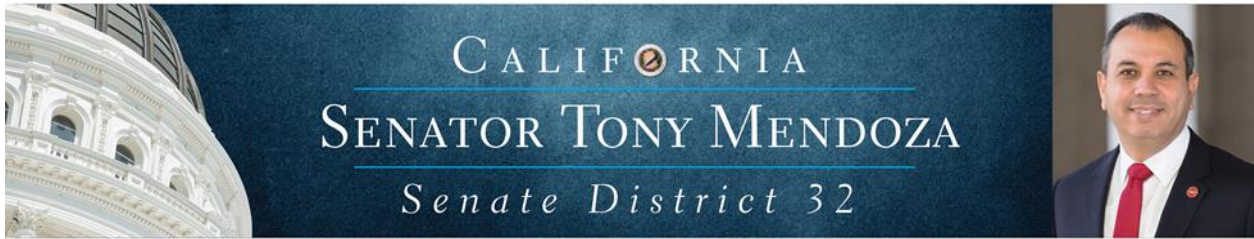
1. Status of SB 268 (Mendoza)

Assembly Rules Committee to be referred as early as next week to Transportation Committee.

2. List of supporters to date.

- League of California Cities – LA County Division (86 cities)
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments (28 cities)
- City of Torrance
- City of Carson
- Councilmember John A. Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

- California Contract Cities Association (71 cities) *Pending receipt of copy*
- Independent Cities Association (33 cities) *Pending receipt of copy*
- City of Artesia *Pending receipt of copy*
- City of Hawaiian Gardens *Pending receipt of copy*



SB 268 (Mendoza)

As Proposed to be Amended

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fact Sheet

SUMMARY

SB 268 provides for proportional representation within the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors (MTA Board). This bill ensures that Board member seats fairly represent all areas of Los Angeles County when allocating the distribution of local (approximately \$2.6 billion annually), state, and federal funds, as well as the organizing and delivery of transportation and transit services.

PROBLEM

As the regional transportation planner for all of Los Angeles County, MTA serves the more than 9.6 million people – nearly one-third of California’s residents – that live, work, and play within its 1,433-square-mile service area. MTA develops and oversees transportation plans, policies, and funding programs, both short-term and long-range solutions, which address the County's increasing mobility, accessibility, and environmental needs. It is critical that the MTA Board serves the needs of residents throughout the entire county.

Under the current distribution of MTA Board members, the 87 cities, outside the City of Los Angeles, which represent 52% of the county’s total population, only represent 31% of the MTA Board. The current distribution of the MTA Board is unfair, and has resulted in uneven allocation of resources and services.

This bill intends to ensure that the distribution of members on the MTA Board fairly represents the entire County of Los Angeles to improve the

County’s ability to develop a regional transit plan that meets the needs of all county residents.

CURRENT LAW

Under current law, the County Transportation Commissions Act provides for the creation of county transportation commissions in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura, with various powers and duties relative to transportation planning and funding.

Los Angeles MTA is the successor agency to the Southern California Rapid Transit District and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, and provides transportation planning, programming, and operations in the County of Los Angeles. Under current law, the authority is governed by a 14-member Board of Directors, including the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, two public members and one Los Angeles City Council Member appointed by the Mayor, four members selected by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, the five members of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (BOS), and a non-voting member appointed by the Governor.

THIS BILL

- Reduces the number of members of the BOS from 5 to 2 members and directs one supervisor to represent the largest population in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles (See Appendix A2).
- Requires the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles to appoint 5 members of the City Council of Los Angeles who represent contiguous clusters of

three council districts. The city council would determine contiguity (See Appendix A2).

- Includes seven members from the 87 cities other than the City of Los Angeles on the Board of Directors (See Appendix A2).
- Requires every appointee to serve a 4-year term without limitation or until the expiration of the term of his or her elected office.

STATUS

- Senate Appropriations Committee

TESTIMONIES IN SUPPORT

- Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association
- Lou LaMonte, Mayor of City of Malibu

OPPOSITION

- County of Los Angeles
- Disabled Veterans Business Alliance
- Eric Garcetti, Mayor of City of Los Angeles
- FAST – Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic
- LA Area Chamber of Commerce
- LA/ Orange County Building Constriction Trades Council
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LAMTA)
- Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce
- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
- State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

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