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The Honorable Lois Wolk
California State Senator
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 57 (Beall): Metropolitan Transportation Commission - As Amended
6/20/2012 - OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Senator Wolk:

The Solano County Board of Supervisors has taken a position of **OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED** on **Assembly Bill 57 (Beall)**.

Existing law require the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to consist of 19 members, including 2 members each from the Counties of Alameda and Santa Clara, *and one member appointed by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)*.

AB 57 would require the commission to consist of 21 members, including one member appointed by the Mayor of the City of Oakland and one member appointed by the Mayor of the City of San Jose. AB 57 would also prohibit more than 3 members of the commission from being residents of the same county. *However, AB 57 in its current form would also require the member from the BCDC to be a member of that commission, a resident of San Francisco, and to be approved by the Mayor of San Francisco. Our Board is opposed to this provision and must oppose the bill unless this provision is removed.*

The essence of MTC's dynamics has been the development of broad consensus from within the participating cities and counties. Allowing one mayor from one city to have the final say regarding one member who is actually supposed to be the appointee of a separate regional body is inappropriate and contrary the goal of true regional balance and cooperation in the Bay Area.

For these reasons, the Solano County Board of Supervisors have taken an **OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED** position on AB 57, and urge you to vote "no," when the bill is heard on the Senate Floor. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Seifert", is written over the typed name and title.

Linda J. Seifert, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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CC: Members and Consultants of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
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