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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, what would you like to do with the bill besides killing it?

SENATOR WARNER: The other option. I would move it be advanced.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House....Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: If the bill is....it's all right to talk on the bill now, isn't it? As the bill stands now, Senator Warner, how much money is in mass transportation for urban areas?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, do you want to respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Keyes, the amendment that was adopted the other day, you will recall, authorized the transfer not to exceed one million dollars for mass transit. Now, that...whether any of that is to be used would depend upon the level of general fund appropriation that was made. Currently the estimate next year is that the million nine hundred thousand approximately that we appropriated of general fund money this year for mass transit will be increased by seven hundred thousand dollars. So theoretically there could be an appropriation out of the language in this bill up to seven hundred thousand. On the other hand, if we appropriate that full increase with general fund money, then there would be no money that would go out of the highway user revenue. It depends on what level of appropriation this body next year appropriates for mass....or this year appropriates for that program.

SENATOR KEYES: You say that the million dollars is still a limit on how much money can be appropriated this year?

SENATOR WARNER: No, not this....this year, Senator Keyes, we have approximately a million nine in the general fund appropriations in LB 1002 for mass transit. As I understand it, to fully fund the provisions of the law under which that appropriation is made, it would require...I think it is 2.3 million approximately. So in the current year had it ran a full twelve months, and this law does not go into effect until October 1, so it is only a nine...July, August, September, yes, it is only a nine month operation. So it would three-fourths of...about three hundred thousand this year that could be transferred over to mass transit.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, I was understanding that the million dollar ceiling maximum amount was removed and that it could