

Agenda

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William Mulholland Conference Room

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|---|---|
| 1. Call to Order/Roll Call | Action <i>(Alan Patashnick, Matthew Abbott)</i> |
| 2. Agenda Reports by Standing Committees
Bus Operations
Local Transit Systems
Streets and Freeways
TDM/Air Quality
Attachment 1: Subcommittee Agendas
Attachment 2: Subcommittee Actions
5 min | Information
<i>(Alva Carrasco)</i>
<i>(Alex Gonzalez)</i>
<i>(Carlos Rios)</i>
<i>(Mark Yamarone)</i> |
| 3. Chairperson's Report
5 min | Information
<i>(Alan Patashnick)</i> |
| 4. Consent Calendar
• Approval of Minutes
Attachment 3: Draft September 7, 2011 Minutes | Action |
| 5. 2012 Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
Grant Program
10 min | Information
<i>(Calvin Hollis)</i> |
| 6. Sustainability Program Update
10 min | Information
<i>(Alex Oster)</i> |
| 7. Congestion Mitigation Fee
5 min | Information
<i>(Robert Calix)</i> |
| 8. 2011 Call for Projects Update
10 min | Information
<i>(Rena Lum)</i> |
| 9. CTC Update
10 min | Information
<i>(Patricia Chen)</i> |



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| 10. Legislative Update
Federal
State
15 min | Information
<i>(Michael Turner/Marisa Yeager)</i> |
| 11. SCAG Regional Transportation Plan Update
5 min | Information
<i>(Lori Abrishami)</i> |
| 12. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project Final
Environmental Impact Statement / Final
Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR)
10 min | Information
<i>(Roderick Diaz/Fanny Pan)</i> |
| 13. Other Business | |
| 14. Adjournment | |

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Please call Matthew Abbott at (213) 922-3071 or e-mail abbottm@metro.net with questions regarding the agenda or meeting. The next meeting will be on November 2, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the **Union Station Conference Room.**

Attachment 1

Subcommittee Agendas – September 2011

- **Bus Operations**
 - September 20, 2011

- **Local Transit Systems**
 - September 22, 2011

- **Streets and Freeways**
 - September 15, 2011

- **TDM/Air Quality**
 - Did not meet in September

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BUS OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Mulholland Conference Room — 15th Floor

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| 1. Call to Order
<i>1 minute</i> | Action
<i>Joseph Loh</i> |
| 2. Approval of July 19, 2011 Minutes | Action |
| 3. Chair's Report | Information |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Managers Meeting – Dana Lee• TAC Update – Dana Lee/Alva Carrasco• Operations – Corinne Ralph• Measure R Committee – Enny Chung | |
| 4. Legislative Report
<i>10 minutes</i> | Information
<i>Raffi Hamparian/Marisa Yeager/Michael Turner</i> |
| 5. FTA Updates
<i>10 minutes</i> | Information
<i>Jonathan Klein</i> |
| 6. 2011 Call for Projects – Final Recommendations
<i>10 minutes</i> | Information
<i>Rena Lum/Michael Richmai</i> |
| 7. FY2012 STA Allocations
<i>10 minutes</i> | Information
<i>Carlos Vendiola</i> |
| 8. FY2013 TIP Deadlines
<i>15 minutes</i> | Information
<i>Nancy Marroquin</i> |



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9. BOS Elections
15 minutes

Action
David Feinberg

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

Information Items:

90-day Rolling Agenda
Summary of Invoices
Summary of EZ Pass Invoices
Subsidy Matrix
TDA-STA Claims Summary
TDA-STA Capital Claims
FY2010 5307 Fund Balance
FY2011 5307 Fund Balance
FY2012 STA Adjustment
FY2011 FTA 5307 Final

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Please call ANNELLE ALBARRAN at 213-922-4025 or QUENISHA WILLIAMS at 213-922-7474 if you have questions regarding the agenda or meeting. The next BOS meeting will be held October 18, 2011 at 9:30 am in the Mulholland Conference Room, 15th Floor of the Gateway Building.

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LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE

OMB Conference Room – 24th Floor

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| 1. Call to Order | Action
Alex Gonzales, <i>Chair</i> |
| 2. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2011
(<i>Attachment</i>) | Action
Alex Gonzales, <i>Chair</i> |
| 3. 2011 Call for Projects Update – Transit Capital | Information
Rena Lum, <i>Metro</i>
Michael Richmai, <i>Metro</i> |
| 4. UFS – TAP program update | Information
Jane Matsumoto, <i>Metro</i> |
| 5. NTD Audit Update | Information
Pari Ahmadi, <i>Metro</i> |
| 6. FY2012-16 Prop A Discretionary Incentive Sub-regional
Paratransit Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
(<i>Handout – tracking of MOUs - executed to date</i>) | Information
Susan Richan, <i>Metro</i> |
| 7. New Business, Date of Next LTSS Meeting
Adjournment | Alex Gonzales |



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Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

➔ Windsor Conference Room, 15th Floor

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| 1. Call to Order
<i>1 min</i> | Action (<i>Nicole Rizzo</i>) |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
Attachment 1: Draft August 18, 2011 Minutes
Attachment 2: Sign in Sheet/Attendance Sheet
Attachment 3: 90-Day Rolling Agenda
<i>1 min</i> | Action (<i>Subcommittee</i>) |
| 3. Chairperson Report
<i>5 min</i> | Information (<i>Nicole Rizzo</i>) |
| 4. Metro Report
<i>5 min</i> | Information (<i>Fulgene Asuncion</i>) |
| 5. Caltrans Report
<i>5 min</i> | Information (<i>Kirk Cessna</i>) |
| 6. State and Federal Legislative Update
<i>10 min</i> | Information (<i>Michael Turner,
Raffi Hamparian, Marisa Yeager</i>) |
| 7. CHP Representative Update
<i>10 min</i> | Information (<i>Sgt. Cindy
Pontes</i>) |
| 8. CTC Update | (<i>Written report to be provided</i>) |
| 9. Sustainability Program
<i>10 min</i> | Information (<i>Sarah Jepson</i>) |



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| 10. 2011 Call for Projects
<i>5 min</i> | Information (<i>Rena Lum</i>) |
| 11. 2013 FTIP Adoption
<i>10 min</i> | Information (<i>Avital Shavit/
Herman Cheng</i>) |
| 12. Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction
Demonstration Program
<i>10 min</i> | Information (<i>Kathleen
McCune</i>) |
| 13. Countywide Signal Priority Program
<i>10 min</i> | Information (<i>Reinland Jones</i>) |
| 14. SR-710 Gap Environmental Document
and the Action – Award EIR/EIS Contract
<i>10 min</i> | Information (<i>Michelle Smith</i>) |
| 15. New Business
<i>5 min</i> | Discussion (<i>Subcommittee</i>) |
| 16. Adjournment
<i>1 min</i> | Action (<i>Subcommittee</i>) |

The next meeting of the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee will be held on October 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. on the 15th Floor, Windsor Conference Room. Please contact Fulgene Asuncion at (213) 922-3025 should you have any questions or comments regarding this or future agendas.

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Attachment 2

Subcommittee Actions

Disposition of September 2011 Subcommittee Actions

Bus Operations Subcommittee:

- Approved minutes for July 19, 2011

Local Transit Systems Subcommittee:

- Approved minutes for July 14, 2011

Streets and Freeways Subcommittee:

- Approved minutes for August 18, 2011

TDM/Air Quality Subcommittee:

- Did not meet in September

Attachment 3

Draft September 7, 2011 TAC Minutes

September 7, 2011 Sign-In Sheets

TAC Member Attendance

Meeting Minutes

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Matthew Abbott (Alternate Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., took roll and declared a quorum was present.

2. Agenda Reports by Standing Committees

Bus Operators Subcommittee (Alva Carrasco)

- Did not meet in August
- Will elect new Chair at next meeting on September 20, 2011

Local Transit Systems (Alex Gonzalez)

- Did not meet in August
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2011

Streets & Freeways (Carlos Rios)

- Last met on August 18, 2011
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011

TDM/Air Quality (Mark Yamarone)

- Did not meet in August

3. Chairperson's Report

Mr. Patashnick reported that at its August 4th meeting, the Board:

- Approved on Consent:
 - The following 2011 recertification and deobligation recommendations:
 - Recertify \$97 million in previous project commitments;
 - Deobligate \$17.4 million in previous approved Call for Projects (Call) funding, and reprogram these funds to the same modal category in the 2011 Call, except for the Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvement mode;
 - Reprogram funding for Port of Los Angeles projects John S. Gibson/NB I-110 Ramp Access Project (#F1208) and I-110 Freeway/C

- Street Interchange Improvement Project (#F1126) and City of Compton project MLK Transit Center Expansion Multi-Modal Transportation Building (#8223);
 - Approve changes in scopes of work for the County of Los Angeles Vermont Avenue Median Landscaping Phase II Project (#F1828), the City of Los Angeles La Tijera Bridge Widening over I-405 Freeway Project (#8058) and the City of Long Beach First Street Parking Project (#8237), funded through previous Calls; and
 - Receive and file time extensions for 75 projects;
- Adopted findings and recommendations for using fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds. These funds are used for streets and roads and transit purposes outside of the Metro service area:
 - The City of Avalon chose to use \$101,312 of their Article 8 funds for transit services;
 - The Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale and Santa Clarita can use their Article 8 funds for streets and roads and/or transit purposes because they are using other funding sources to meet their transit needs; and
 - In the Los Angeles County Unincorporated areas in both the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley, the funds may be used for street and road purposes and/or transit;
- Authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to request a \$54,077,000 Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for construction of the Interstate 5 South Segment 1 Alondra Avenue project;
- Deobligating \$1.8 million in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds from the Interstate 10 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes from Citrus to Route 57/210 project in FY 2012 and restoring the \$1.8 million with available Proposition C 25% funds;
 - Providing replacement funding to the City of Monrovia for their lapsed Old Town Pedestrian Improvement project by reprogramming \$1.8 million in RSTP funds in FY 2012 to the City's new Huntington Drive Phase II project between Magnolia and Shamrock;
- Approved Directors' Yaroslavsky, O'Connor and Villaraigosa motion to instruct staff to explore opportunities for launching a pilot bike share program at strategic locations at Metro rail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations. Staff must report back in 120 days with a strategic plan for implementing such a program and funding options;
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the MTA to form a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation that will serve as the conduit borrower of a \$546 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor;
 - Authorized the CEO to submit the TIFIA loan application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT);
- A budget amendment to add \$2,259,859 to the FY 12 budget to fund the enhanced Silver Line service on the Harbor Transitway;
- Received oral report responding to the June 23, 2011 Board motion regarding the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project directing the CEO to address:

- Comprehensive Safety Plan for the Park Mesa Heights area;
- Traffic Mitigation Plan with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation;
- Local Worker Hiring Plan and Small Business Enterprise Participation Plan;
- Business Loss Mitigation Fund; and
- “Crenshaw Curve” Sidewalk, Streetscape and Local Business Improvement Plan;
- Approved as amended adopting the MTA Green Construction Policy for projects on MTA properties and rights-of-way only;
 - Develop an implementation plan and timeline outlining the collaborative process by which the Green Construction Policy will be phased in;
 - Concurrently, develop a technical assistance program to provide needed support to local jurisdiction;
- Approved the following nominees for membership on the Service Councils:
 - Joseph Mosca, Re-Appointment, San Gabriel Valley Service Council;
 - Cheri Kelley, Re-Appointment, Gateway Cities Service Council;
 - George Bass, Re-Appointment, Gateway Cities Service Council;
 - Cynde Soto, Re-Appointment, Gateway Cities Service Council; and
 - Dr. Richard Arvizu, Re-Appointment, San Fernando Valley Service Council;
- Approved Villaraigosa motion that the MTA Board of Directors direct the CEO to:
 - Maintain current bus service capacity levels for all Tier 1 lines in FY 12, except as previously approved by the Board;
 - Regularly monitor passenger loads and on-time performance;
 - Direct the CEO to report on a strategy and timeline for the completion of the Transit Access Pass (TAP) card by the October 2011 Board meeting;
 - Direct the CEO to appoint an internal compliance manager to report on all existing MTA bus services in coordination with the Service Councils at a monthly basis. The report should include:
 - Bus and station cleanliness;
 - Graffiti free buses and stations;
 - On-time performance and wait times;
 - Walking distances to service; and
 - A thorough customer survey;
 - Direct the CEO to work with local jurisdictions to identify, analyze and recommend a minimum of five corridors in the County that can accommodate an effective BRT; this includes peak-hour and dedicated bus lanes. The selection of the routes should include:
 - Ridership;
 - Station stops/spacing; and
 - General Public and community support;
 - The Board directed staff to 1) include analysis of pedestrian and bike path aspects and 2) consider a BRT line from Orange Line North Hollywood to the Gold Line;
- Approved Antonovich motion that the MTA Board establish a one-year Pilot Transportation Program similar to existing programs such as the Immediate Needs Transportation Program (INTP), Support for Homeless Re-Entry Program (SHORE)

and Rider Relief Transportation Program (RRTP) to provide free EZ Transit Passes to foster youth in support of the County's Youth Self-Sufficiency program;

- MTA and County of Los Angeles staff will work together to develop:
 - An estimated program budget and funding resources;
 - Program guidelines; and
 - Program evaluation criteria;
- Director Katz requested that staff report back at the September Operations Committee with information on cost of implementing this program; and
- Approved Antonovich motion that the MTA Board:
 - Take an official position of "SUPPORT" for the Palmdale Station and for the Bakersfield to Palmdale to Los Angeles alignment of the High Speed Rail system;
 - Request that the September 2011 California High Speed Rail Authority (CAHSRA) Board meeting be held in the Antelope Valley;
 - Communicate the positions in part (1) and (2) via Board Letter to Governor Brown, CAHSRA Chair Tom Umberg, CAHSRA CEO Roelof van Ark, the CAHSRA Authority Board and the Los Angeles County State Legislative Delegation; and
 - Make a formal request to Governor Brown that the replacement for former CAHSRA Board member Curt Pringle be someone from Los Angeles County.

Mr. Patashnick reported that a workshop presented by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will be held in the MTA Gateway Plaza building on September 8th at 1:30 PM regarding the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). The Committee has an available \$14 million annually for projects designed to reduce emissions for mobile sources in the South Coast Air Quality District.

4. Consent Calendar

A motion to approve the July 6, 2011 and July 19, 2011 minutes was made by Dana Lee (BOS) and was seconded by John Walker (County of Los Angeles). The motion was approved with no objections.

5. 2011 Call for Projects (Rena Lum, MTA)

Ms. Lum thanked TAC members for their participation in the TAC appeals process that was held on August 9th. While reviewing the TAC recommendations, staff noticed a discrepancy between the amount of funds recommended for allocation and the amount of funds outlined in the funding strategy included in the June 2011 Board report. Due to the amount of funds available for the Call, modal leads in four modes over-allocated their modal marks: Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI), Bikeway Improvements, Pedestrian Improvements and Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA). The total amount that was over-allocated between the four modes was \$1.18 million. The June 2011 Board report proposed that the over-allocated funds be covered by the 2011 Deobligation funds and the 2009 LRTP Call Reserve, if necessary.

Ms. Lum reported that TAC has \$19,804,256 available to make funding recommendations. Of this amount, \$3,385,256 is from the 2009 LRTP Reserve fund (eligible for any mode) and

\$16,419,000 is from the 2011 Deobligation process (mode specific). Staff recommends the following funding mark adjustments to reconcile the \$1.18 million in over-allocated projects:

- RSTI: \$427,691 (Deobligation Funds);
- Bikeway Improvements: \$299,630 (Deobligation Funds);
- Pedestrian Improvements: \$250,016 (Deobligation Funds); and
- TEA: \$201,835 (2009 LRTP Reserve Funds)

Ms. Lum reported that the reconciliation of funds in the four modes has caused three projects to be funded to a lesser degree than originally recommended by TAC: Rosemead Blvd Enhancement & Beautification Project (F5616), Bicycle Friendly Streets (F5519) and Colima Road – City of Whittier Limits to Fullerton Road (F5111). The project sponsors for each of these projects have agreed to the proposed reduction in funds.

Paul Maselbas (County of Los Angeles) asked how much funding will be reduced from each of the three projects. Ms. Lum responded that project F5616 will receive approximately \$250,000 less, project F5519 will receive approximately \$100,000 less and project F5111 will receive approximately \$ 270,000 less.

Motion

Alex Gonzalez (LTSS) made a motion to accept the 2011 Call staff recommendations which was seconded by Ellen Blackman (Citizen Representative on ADA). Mohammad Mostahkami (League of Cities, Gateway Cities COG) abstained. The motion passed with no objections.

6. Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program Update (Kathleen McCune, MTA)

Ms. McCune reported that the Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program (CRD) is currently 31% complete. As an incentive, MTA will be offering toll credits to frequent transit riders on the I-10 and I-110. Recipients will be able to utilize these credits on the ExpressLanes facilities. Thirty-two (32) one-way transit trips on the ExpressLanes during peak hours using a registered TAP card will earn users a \$5 credit. All of the revenues generated from the tolls on the I-10 and I-110 must be reinvested within those corridors.

Ms. McCune reported on the following aspects of the program:

- **Silver Line:** Phase 1 of the Silver Line Enhancements began in June, which included increasing the AM peak-frequency from 30 minutes to 10 minutes on the I-110 (ridership for July increased by 18%);
- **El Monte Busway:** In November, contaminated soil was discovered during excavations. The contaminated soil has since been removed, but the process of removal put the project severely over budget (approximately \$16 million). This presents a problem because the budgets for the Patsaouras Plaza Connector and El Monte Busway are interconnected. Staff will go before the Board in October to seek an action on how to deal with the budget shortfall. Construction on the El Monte Station is expected to be finalized next summer;
- **Harbor Transitway Improvements:** The Artesia Sheriff Substation was completed in December 2010. The station lighting and CCTV camera installations were also completed during the year. Currently, a sound enclosure is being built around the

37th Street station, and construction is expected to be accomplished by the end of the year;

- **ExpressLanes Program:** Construction of the power drops began in early July 2011 on the I-110 Freeway while sign foundation work started in August. Similar construction on the I-10 Freeway will begin later this month. During construction, there will be various freeway closures at night (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) and buses will be rerouted. Information on the ExpressLanes is now available on the 511 system;
- **ExpressPark:** The ExpressPark program received City Council approval last month for contract award and operations are scheduled to begin in March 2012; and
- **Transit Signal Priority Project:** The Transit Signal Priority (TSP) systems are anticipated to be ready in February 2012.

David Feinberg (League of Cities, Westside Cities) stated that offering a toll credit for transit users provides an incentive to drive. Ms. McCune responded that the toll credit will provide an opportunity for frequent transit riders to use the ExpressLanes facility when they are not able take transit. Mr. Feinberg asked why the credit cannot be used for transit. Ms. McCune responded that MTA is looking into that for the future, but the Metro system is currently not capable of handling the credits.

Larry Stevens (League of Cities, San Gabriel Valley COG) asked if there is a target date for conversion to the ExpressLanes. Ms. McCune responded yes, the ExpressLanes will be open by Fall 2012 on the I-110 and by Winter 2013 on the I-10. Mr. Stevens asked where the ExpressLanes will be implemented on the I-10. Ms. McCune responded in downtown Los Angeles from Alameda Street to the I-605.

Heather Hills (MTA) asked if Metro vehicles will be equipped with transponders. Ms. McCune responded that if persons driving Metro vehicles wish to use the ExpressLanes, they will need a transponder in the vehicle. Mr. Stevens asked if vehicle operators will be able to toggle a switch on the transponders to denote the number of passengers in the vehicle. Ms. McCune responded yes.

7. Legislative Update (Michael Turner and Marisa Yeager, MTA)

State

Mr. Turner reported that Friday, September 9th was the last day to introduce amendments to bills. Three amended bills that are relevant to Los Angeles County are:

- AB-294 (Portantino). This bill utilizes language that severely restricts the ability to use Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and design-build contracts. However, due to the amount of opposition, it was withdrawn (it will likely be re-issued next year). This Bill is important to Los Angeles County because in order to implement the Highway Program, MTA needs to use both PPP and design-build;
- SB-791 (Steinberg). This bill would allow regional agencies to adopt a fee on gasoline sales. Regional agencies would then be required to develop an expenditure plan which would identify the projects and programs that could be funded from the fee revenue, subject to voter approval. MTA would support this bill if the fee is governed by the County Transportation Commissions (CTC) and not the Southern California

Association of Governments (SCAG). This bill has been shelved by the sponsors, but they have indicated that they will bring it back next year; and

- SB-922 (Steinberg). This bill is being proposed in response to the action of cities and counties to ban project labor agreements.

Mr. Turner reported that the State budget was developed under the assumption that there would be \$4 billion in anticipated revenue. As soon as the budget was adopted however, revenues began to drop. If revenues fall below certain marks established in the budget, cuts will be made.

Mr. Stevens asked if there was protection for existing revenue sources that come from the same category of gasoline tax included in SB-791. Mr. Turner responded that there is nothing in the bill's language that explicitly protects existing revenue sources.

Federal

Ms. Yeager reported that the Congressional Budget Office released a forecast indicating that the contract authority for our Highway Program will decrease from \$43 billion to \$39.9 billion as a result of the recently passed Budget Control Act of 2011. This means that there will be a 30% reduction of all transportation programs. MTA has been pushing forward the America Fast Forward Initiative for those areas that have self-help revenue mechanisms. Additionally, MTA is moving forward with bond opportunities – specifically the Qualified Transportation Improvement Bonds (QTIBs). Ms. Yeager reported that we are in the 8th extension of the Authorization Bill (last year we had 12). Senator Boxer (D-CA) is suggesting a four month extension and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John L. Mica indicated he will support one more extension.

Mr. Mostahkami asked if any transportation funds will be set aside in President Obama's Jobs Bill. Ms. Yeager responded that the President has indicated an increase in infrastructure spending, but the exact amount has not been released.

8. CTC Update (Patricia Chen, MTA)

Ms. Chen provided a written report that contained the following information on the August 10th CTC meeting:

Report by new FHWA Division Administrator (Vince Mammano) He plans to focus on Civil Rights (DBE), ADA compliance, and innovative financing.

Budget and Allocation Capacity (Steven Keck) Cash flow from current and planned allocations will necessitate a bond sale by Fall 2011 or by Spring 2012 at the latest.

- September 30th federal gas tax expiration – gas tax is usually renewed through surface transportation bills. Vince Mammano -the expiration of the FAA tax has not set a good precedent, however, hopefully Congress has learned its lesson about the consequences of letting something like this expire and won't repeat the experiment. Mitch Weiss – there is a California law that will increase the state gas tax to make up for it, but the amount is out of date so it will leave a gap. We should work on updating the state legislation;

- Informal allocation plan (Mitch Weiss, CTC) We will be about \$100 million short on allocation capacity if all projects are delivered on time. Our priorities would be as follows:
 - For state only funds: Planning, Programming and Monitoring project, required match for federal projects, and projects under \$1 million that are not federalized; and
 - Highway/Local Road/Transit projects: if over \$15 million they would be bond-funded (i.e. wait until bond funds are available).

Adoption of 2012 STIP Guidelines (Mitch Weiss) approved

- Since there is no more Public Transportation Account (PTA) funding in the STIP, transit projects have to be eligible for State Highway Account funds (almost all of which are restricted by Article XIX, which means no vehicle purchases) or federal funds, starting FY 13. If they are not, they will have to be deprogrammed, and replaced with another project; and
- Due to the new Project Initiation Document (PID) streamlining which pushes the detailed cost estimates work to the environmental phase, new language requires cost estimates (STIP programming) for right of way, design and construction to be updated in the STIP cycle following completion of environmental clearance.

2012 STIP Fund Estimate (Steven Keck) The updated new STIP capacity 6- year total is \$1.483 billion. MTA’s county minimum is \$173 million, mostly available in FY 16 and 17.

Bond Allocations (Norma Ortega, Caltrans Chief Budget Officer) We have approximately \$2 billion worth of bonds on hand and \$4.6 billion worth of projects ongoing. However, we have surveyed and analyzed cash flow and think we can make additional allocations at this time:

- All Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) projects;
- The one Highway/Rail Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) project;
- Colton Crossing Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) project, since it will lapse a TIGER grant if we don’t allocate now;
- SCRRRA’s State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funds for Positive Train Control; and
- The one State Route 99 project.

A potential constraint for future bond allocations is the debt service funding source, weight fees: \$900 M per year. This could limit/delay future allocations before long. Commissioner Ghielmetti stated that the Governor is committed to Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 bond sales. The amount is still in question. Caltrans estimates indicate we need \$2 billion out of each sale, but we have not been getting that much from recent sales.

Financial Allocations for Projects in Los Angeles County:

Project	Sponsor	Amount (\$millions)
SHOPP Projects in L.A. County	Caltrans	\$486.2

I-5 Widening, Orange County Line to I-605	Caltrans	\$72.3
Positive Train Control	SCRRA	\$32.8
Route 138 Widening	Caltrans	\$17.6
Planning, Programming and Monitoring	LACMTA	\$7.5
Total		\$616.4

9. State Route 710 Gap Environmental Document and the Action – Award EIR/EIS Contract (Michelle Smith, MTA)

Ms. Smith reported that the scoping period concluded in April and Caltrans will release the Scoping Summary Report by the end of the month. Staff is going to the Board on September 22nd to recommend awarding an Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) contract. In addition to the EIS/EIR, the consultant will be responsible for the development of an Alternatives Analysis (AA) and conducting a series of technical studies and assessments. Circulation of the Draft EIS/EIR is expected to occur in two years. The entire contract is expected to be completed by the winter of 2014.

Mr. Stevens asked if the project includes a tunneling alternative. Ms. Smith responded yes, one of the numerous alternatives that are being studied involves tunneling. There are many other alternatives being considered, including a Light Rail alternative, No-Build alternative, etc.

Mr. Stevens asked if a contract has been awarded. Ms. Smith responded that staff is recommending that a contract in the amount of \$37.3 million be awarded to CH2M Hill, at the September 22nd Board meeting.

Dennis Woods (League of Cities, Arroyo Verdugo Cities) asked if a study area has been identified. Ms. Smith responded that the EIS/EIR will include a study area of over 100 square miles, and that the study area would be reduced prior to finalizing the AA. Mr. Woods stated that the study area consists of not only the I-710 Gap, but the entire region, focusing on the movement of goods from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Ms. Smith responded that MTA is hoping to correct some of the misinformation about the movement of goods through the technical studies and environmental document. Previous studies have indicated most of the truck traffic from the Ports are destined for the Inland Empire (east) and not north through the study area.

Mr. Woods asked if a contract has been awarded for the cost-benefit analysis that is being done concurrently with the EIR/EIS. Ms. Smith responded that the Board was given an update (on the cost estimate for a tunnel alternative) in February and that the update was requested by Director Najarian. She stated that this was a separate effort being conducted by Roger Moliere’s group (another department).

Mr. Woods stated that no evidence has been provided to suggest that the “gap” on SR-710 contributes to congestion on the arterial routes or that a gap closure is needed. To the

contrary, a truck study that was conducted by SCAG showed that construction of a freeway gap closure would create more traffic on the arterials. He stated that the language used in the study should be factual. Ms. Smith noted his concerns and referenced the 1998 Record of Decision (ROD) as the source of the information about congestion.

10. Metro Green Line to LAX (Cory Zelmer, MTA)

Mr. Zelmer reported that in March 2011, the MTA Board authorized staff to proceed with the AA and Draft EIS/EIR for the Metro Green Line to LAX project (MGL-LAX). Measure R will provide \$200 million for the project. The focus of the study is how to obtain a connection from the Crenshaw/LAX line at the Aviation/Century station to the terminal area (approximately 1 mile). There have been numerous previous studies on bringing rail to the airport and in 1994 an EIR was approved, but shelved due to a lack of funding and collaboration with the LAX Master Plan. Currently, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is conducting the LAX Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) which focuses on providing solutions to concerns about certain LAX Master Plan projects. One of the projects under study in the SPAS is an Automated People Mover (APM) system that would connect the terminal area with the Metro Rail system. MTA is looking to coordinate with LAWA. The SPAS is expected to be finalized in early 2013 and the MGL-LAX EIS/EIR is expected to be finalized in 2014.

Mr. Zelmer reported that that the MTA is studying three modes: Light Rail Transit (LRT), Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and an APM. The initial alignment options include either circulating around the roadway system on World Way or coming directly in and backing out Center Way. Most of the initial alignment options are aerial; however, the direct route along Center Way could be an underground option.

Mr. Stevens asked why the MTA and LAWA are working on separate projects as opposed to working together on a joint project. Mr. Zelmer responded that LAWA is working on the SPAS because it is part of a settlement agreement stemming from a law suit regarding their Master Plan. There is however, the opportunity to tier these environmental processes and utilize one project that both MTA and LAWA can support as a single project.

Mr. Woods stated that any route from Downtown Los Angeles to LAX involving a transfer is unusable for travelers with luggage. He stated that the MTA study should look into how to mitigate transfers. Mr. Zelmer responded that the study will include analysis on transfers and the impacts for travelers with and without luggage. Currently, MTA is looking into three connection types: a Direct Rail connection (utilized at Portland International Airport), an Airport Circulator (utilized at New York's JFK) and a Hybrid Connection (utilized at San Francisco International Airport).

Mr. Mostahkami asked if a consultant has been selected for the EIS/EIR. Mr. Zelmer responded yes, it is a joint consultant team of Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) and STV, Inc. Mr. Stevens asked how much the environmental contract is worth. Mr. Zelmer responded approximately \$5 million, funded by Measure R.

Mr. Feinberg asked what are the plans for the existing transit center along 96th, if the rail alignment runs along that street. Mr. Zelmer responded that there has been some talk of moving the transit center to the Aviation/Century station, but nothing concrete.

Mr. Woods asked why a BRT system is being studied if it will not meet the needs of project. Mr. Zelmer responded that a BRT system is being studied from a circulation standpoint. Any BRT would be a fixed-guideway system and would allow quicker access from multiple locations than a LRT system.

11. Sustainability Program Update (Sarah Jepson, MTA)

This item was deferred until the October meeting.

12. Bicycle Program Update (Lynne Goldsmith, MTA)

Ms. Goldsmith reported that the Bicycle Roundtable was held in February 2010 and two Subcommittees will be meeting on a periodic basis to discuss policy & planning and implementation & operations. The Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan (BTSP) was adopted by the MTA Board in 2006 and staff is in the process of updating the plan. Other current MTA bicycle studies include the Folding Bike Implementation Plan and conducting Bicycle Counts on the Metro Orange Line and Metro rail stations. Folding bikes are convenient for use on transit and MTA is conducting outreach on the bicycles. The Orange County Transportation Agency (OCTA) has a similar outreach plan.

Ms. Goldsmith reported that 10 Bicycle Initiatives were passed by the Board in 2010 and an 11th was added in August 2011:

- Increase funding in 2011 CFP (approved by MTA Board in September 2010);
- Triple bike racks on buses;
- Retrofit trains for bikes;
- Revise Code of Conduct;
- Bike racks on vanpool vehicles;
- Improve wayfinding signage;
- Incorporate bicycle messages;
- Improve security;
- Install stair channels in future transit stations;
- Incorporate robust bicycle facilities in all transit project designs - increase bicycle parking; and
- Bike Share Feasibility Study (added in August 2011).

Ms. Goldsmith reported that:

- MTA is looking to expand its current bicycle parking program from lockers and racks to bike rooms, bike storefronts and other innovative parking methods;
- Metro trains will include new signage indicating designated bicycle areas;
- As of August 19th, there is new federal policy on pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements are now available for funding by the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) for design, construction and maintenance of projects that enhance or are related to public transportation facilities. As well, threshold distances to establish catchment areas have been defined;

- Changes to the vehicle code include:
 - CVC 21200 - Rights to the Road. Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to a driver of a vehicle;
 - CVC 888 – Non-Motorized Routes. The Department shall not construct a state highway as a freeway that will result in the severance or destruction of an existing nonmotorized route unless it provides an alternate route; and
 - Code 888.2 – The Department shall incorporate nonmotorized transportation facilities in the design of freeways along corridors where nonmotorized facilities do not exist;
- Regarding Complete streets, when a city or county is revising its circulation element, it is required to consider bicycles, pedestrians and other modes as equal users on the road;
- MTA will partner with SCAG to create a bicycle data clearinghouse and methodology for bicycle counts; and
- New initiatives for 2012 include:
 - Education and outreach for new Code of Conduct;
 - New safety campaign messages;
 - Update bike plan;
 - Install new bicycle parking;
 - Complete Bike Share study; and
 - Evaluate bike parking at Union Station.

Marianne Kim (Automobile Club of California) asked what size the folding bikes are. Ms. Goldsmith responded that they typically have a 16-20 inch wheel and are capable of folding in half. Ms. Kim asked what the range of travel is for the folding bikes. Ms. Goldsmith responded that the range of travel depends on the quality of the bike.

Mr. Stevens asked if OCTA is subsidizing folding bicycles. Ms. Goldsmith responded that OCTA is promoting folding bicycle use on their transit system and the manufacturers are providing a discount. Mr. Stevens suggested that MTA implement a program similar to the MSRC Electric Lawnmower program. Ms. Goldsmith responded that MTA funded a similar project through the Call that will sell 1,000 bicycles.

Ms. Blackman asked if the new signage on Metro trains will clearly designate the wheelchair seating areas. Ms. Goldsmith responded yes.

13. Congestion Mitigation Fee (Robert Calix, MTA)

This item was deferred until the October meeting.

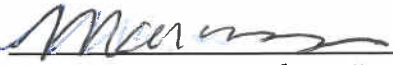
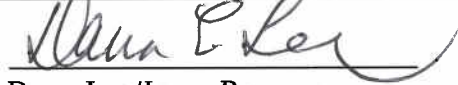



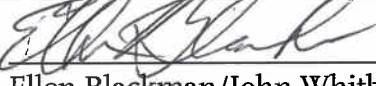
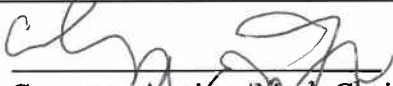
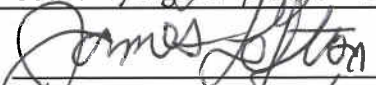


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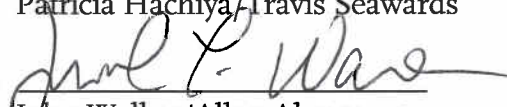
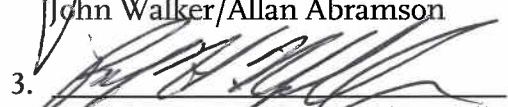


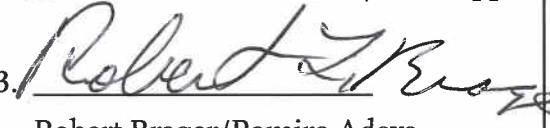
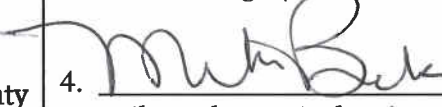
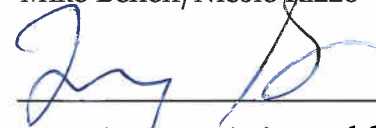
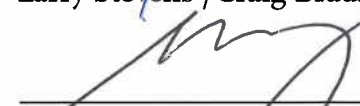
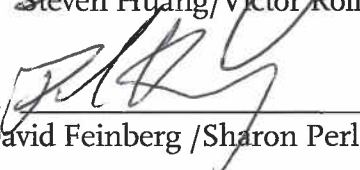
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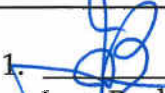
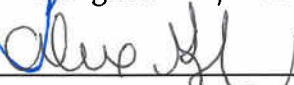
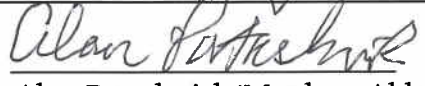

15. Adjournment

Mr. Patashnick announced that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2011 in the Union Station Conference Room, 3rd floor. If you have questions regarding the next meeting, please contact Matthew Abbott at (213) 922-3071 or email abbottm@metro.net.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sign in Sheet
September 7, 2011

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AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA	1. <u></u> Marianne Kim/ Stephen Finnegan
BUS OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (BOS)	1. <u></u> Dana Lee/Joyce Rooney 2. <u></u> Alva Carrasco/Lois Smith
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL	1. <u></u> Sgt. Cindy Pontes/Ofc. Spencer Badal
CALTRANS	1. _____ Alberto Angelini/Jimmy Shih 2. <u></u> Kirk Cessna/Vijay Kopparam
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE ON ADA	1. <u></u> Ellen Blackman/John Whitbread
CITY OF LONG BEACH	1. <u></u> Courtney Aguirre/Mark Christoffels
CITY OF LOS ANGELES <i>Arun Mangasarian</i> <i>Kevin Minna</i>	1. <u></u> James Lefton/Corinne Ralph 2. <u></u> Ken Husting/Kang Hu 3. _____ Gina Mancha/Ferdy Chan 4. <u></u>

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<p>COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES</p>	<p>1.  Patricia Hachiya/Travis Seawards</p> <p>2.  John Walker/Allan Abramson</p> <p>3.  Patrick V. DeChellis/ Paul Maselbas</p>
<p>LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES</p>	<p>Arroyo Verdugo Cities 1.  David Kriske/Dennis Woods</p> <p>Gateway Cities COG 2.  Mohammad Mostahkami/Lisa Rapp</p> <p>Las Virgenes Malibu COG 3.  Robert Brager/Ramiro Adeva</p> <p>North Los Angeles County 4.  Mike Behen/Nicole Rizzo</p> <p>San Gabriel Valley COG 5.  Larry Stevens /Craig Bradshaw</p> <p>South Bay Cities COG 6.  Steven Huang/Victor Rollinger</p> <p>Westside Cities COG 7.  David Feinberg /Sharon Perlstein</p>

<p>LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE (LTSS)</p>	<p>1.  _____ Jano Baghdanian/Kathryn Engel</p> <p>2.  _____ Alex Gonzalez/Joe Barrios</p>
<p>METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Metro)</p>	<p>1.  _____ Alan Patashnick/Matthew Abbott Countywide Planning & Development</p> <p>2. _____ John Drayton/Christopher Gallanes Metro Operations</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY (SCRRA - Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1. _____ Anne Louise Rice/Karen Sakoda</p>
<p>SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD -- Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1. _____ Eyvonne Drummonds/Kathryn Higgins</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG -- Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1. _____ Warren Whiteaker/Annie Nam</p>
<p>GOODS MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVE (Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1.  _____ Lupe Valdez/LaDonna DiCamillo</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT/ AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE</p>	<p>1. _____ Mark Yamarone/Phil Aker</p> <p>2. _____ Mark Hunter/Brooke Geer Person</p>

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MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES (Name)	AGENCY	Sept 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	Sept 2011
Marianne Kim/Stephen Finnegan (A)	AUTO CLUB	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X
Dana Lee/Joyce Rooney (A)	BOS SUBCOMMITTEE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alva Carrasco/Lois Smith (A)	BOS SUBCOMMITTEE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Sgt. Cindy Pontes/Ofc. Spencer Badal (A)	CHP	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Alberto Angelini/Jimmy Shih (A)	CALTRANS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kirk Cessna/Vijay Koppam (A)	CALTRANS	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Ellen Blackman/John Whitbread (A)	CITIZEN REP ON ADA	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Courtney Aguirre/Mark Christoffels (A)	LONG BEACH	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
James Lefton/Corinne Ralph (A)	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Ken Husting/Kang Hu (A)	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gina Mancha/Ferdy Chan(A)	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Patricia Hachiya/Travis Seawards (A)	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X
John Walker/Allan Abramson(A)	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Patrick DeChellis/Paul Maselbas (A)	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
David Kriske/Dennis Woods (A)	ARROYO VERDUGO CITIES	X	X			Warning				X	X	X
Mohammad Mostahkami/Lisa Rapp (A)	GATEWAY CITIES COG	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Robert Brager/Ramiro Adeva (A)	LAS VIRGENES MALIBU COG	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Behen/Nicole Rizzo (A)	NORTH L.A. COUNTY	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Larry Stevens/ Craig Bradshaw (A)	SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COG	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Steven Huang/Victor Rollingner (A)	SOUTH BAY CITIES COG	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
David Feinberg/Sharon Perlstein (A)	WESTSIDE CITIES	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
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Alan Patashnick/Matthew Abbott (A)	METRO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Lupe Valdez/LaDonna DiCamillo (A)	GOODS MOVEMENT REP	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Mark Yamarone/Phil Aker (A)	TDM/AQ SUBCOMMITTEE	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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