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Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
2009 State Legislative Program



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THE FY09-10 STATE BUDGET DEFICIT continues to be the dominant issue in Metro's legislative program. With deficits estimated at over \$40 billion, it is expected that the State will continue to look to transportation revenues as a way of balancing the budget. Specifically, Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed elimination of the State Transit Assistance account. This is the only source of transit operating funds from the State. Additionally, the State is taking actions which will halt funding for transportation projects statewide.

Metro's state legislative program will be "shaped" by the continuing State budget deficits and will be oriented towards protecting state transportation resources. Metro will work to promote the efficient and rapid delivery of Measure R projects as well as leveraging Measure R funds for additional state transportation resources.



GOAL 1 Minimize impacts of the expected State budget deficit on transportation funding

- > Oppose the continued use of transportation funds to balance the State budget.
- > Communicate the message that continued use of transportation funds to balance the State budget adversely impacts our long-term ability to improve mobility in Los Angeles.
- > Pursue opportunities to seek repayment of any transportation funds used to offset the State budget deficit.
- > Ensure implementation of trailer bill language protecting half of Public Transportation Account Spillover revenues.
- > Explore legislative protections for all Public Transportation Account revenues.



GOAL 2 Pursue legislative initiatives aimed at increasing funding for Los Angeles County transportation projects. These measures include but are not limited to

- > Work with statewide partners on any efforts to implement a fee relating to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- > Work with State and regional partners to support container fee legislation.
- > Oppose any legislation that would redirect local fees or funds to other jurisdictions in the State, such as container fees imposed by the San Pedro Bay ports, or greenhouse gas fees.



GOAL 3 Support efforts to improve safety on the region's commuter rail system

- > Advocate for additional State funding to increase the safety of the commuter rail system in Los Angeles County and the entire Metrolink service area.
- > Support additional funding for enhanced commuter rail safety, especially for automatic train stop/positive train control systems, grade separations, and double tracking single track portions of Metrolink's service area.
- > Support legislation requiring the railroad industry to implement enhanced safety measures on the nation's commuter rail and freight network.
- > Support actions by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) which would allow or approve implementation of automatic train control systems.



GOAL 4 Maximize opportunities for funding Los Angeles County's transportation projects and programs through implementation of Propositions 1B and 1C

- > Work with the Los Angeles County Delegation to ensure that bond implementation legislation allocates a fair share of funding to Los Angeles County.
- > Support projects submitted through the California Transportation Commission process.
- > Support full allocation of Propositions 1B and 1C in future budget actions.

GOAL 5

Coordinate with our local and state partners to incorporate the region's needs in emerging climate change and sustainability programs

- > Monitor implementation of AB 32.
- > Support initiatives that promote demand management and other greenhouse gas reduction strategies.
- > Support efforts to encourage smart growth and transit oriented developments, which also preserve the authority of local agencies.
- > Support legislative efforts to include environmentally sensitive and clean air programs in our region, particularly with regards to regional transit planning efforts.
- > Support new initiatives that encourage the use of advanced, environmentally friendly technologies in new transit facility development, such as upgrading existing facilities with solar power and building new facilities to high environmental and clean air standards.



GOAL 6

Actively work with state, regional and local transportation interests to secure, protect and enhance transportation funding and programs statewide

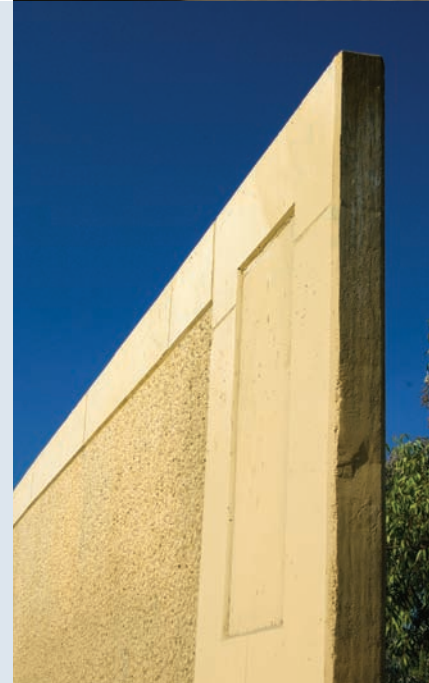
- > Work with the Schwarzenegger Administration to preserve and increase flexibility in the use of transportation funds.
- > Identify and pursue opportunities for additional funding for Southern California transportation projects.
- > Support efforts to secure funding and/or obtain authority to generate additional funding for bus transit capital, operations, security needs, corridor projects, soundwalls, Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE), Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), and other important transportation projects and programs. Work cooperatively with other transit agencies throughout the State, including the California Transit Association (CTA), to secure and increase funds for transportation services, projects and programs.
- > Work with the Schwarzenegger Administration, the Legislature and other transit agencies on any workers' compensation reform efforts to ensure that administrative reforms and cost saving measures are included in such proposals.
- > Support efforts to secure new funding for regional rideshare services.
- > Identify and pursue opportunities for funding and to enhance authority where necessary to improve security for customers, employees and property.
- > Support efforts to encourage the interoperability of smart card technology while protecting the privacy of our customers.
- > Support efforts to clarify the oversight responsibilities of the PUC with respect to rail transit and improve the administration of PUC regulations.



GOAL 7

Support legislative and regulatory actions that enhance the ability to deliver transportation projects and services in Los Angeles County

- > Support efforts to broaden the use of design-build and public private partnerships.
- > Explore legislation authorizing the use of design-build on soundwall projects in Los Angeles County.
- > Advocate for correction of Northern and Southern California transportation funding inequities through legislative proposals introduced in the Legislature and through administrative actions at the California Transportation Commission.
- > Oppose legislation that would preempt collective bargaining, impose benefits in collective bargaining agreements or restrict the rights of local agencies in the collective bargaining process.
- > Preserve our authority in regional transportation funding decisions including those granted through SB 45.
- > Sponsor legislation that creates efficiencies and streamlines administrative processes, such as procurement and environmental regulations.



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