

# Agenda

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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Union Station Conference ROOM

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call Action (*Alan Patashnick, Cory Zelmer*)
  
2. Agenda Reports by Standing Committees Information  
Bus Operations *(David Reyno)*  
Local Transit Systems *(Alex Gonzalez)*  
Streets and Freeways *(Paul Maselbas)*  
TDM/Air Quality *(Mark Yamarone)*  
Attachment 1: Subcommittee Agendas  
Attachment 2: Subcommittee Actions  
5 min
  
3. Consent Calendar Action
  - Approval of MinutesAttachment 3: Draft July 1, 2009 Minutes  
Attachment 4: Draft July 15, 2009 Minutes
  
4. Chairperson's Report Information  
10 min *(Alan Patashnick)*
  
5. 2009 Call for Projects Action
  - Sponsor Appeals & TAC *(Rena Lum, Alan Patashnick)*  
RecommendationsAttachment 5: Memo to TAC - Sponsor Appeals and TAC Recommendations
  - TAC Representative20 min
  
6. Legislative Update Information  
Federal *(Raffi Hamparian)*  
State *(Michael Turner)*  
20 min



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7. 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan  
• Measure R Highway Advisory Committee  
10 min Update  
*(Brian Lin)*
8. ARRA  
5 min Update  
*(Patricia Chen)*
9. CTC Meeting Recap  
5 min Information  
*(Patricia Chen)*
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

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# Attachment 1

## Subcommittee July 2009 Agendas

- Bus Operations
- Local Transit Systems
  - No Meeting
- Streets and Freeways
- TDM/Air Quality

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

9:30AM

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## BUS OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Windsor Conference Room — 15th Floor

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| 1. Call to Order<br><i>1 minute</i>   | Action<br><i>David Reyno</i>  |
| 2. Approval of June 16, 2009 Minutes<br><i>1 minute</i>                       | Action<br><i>BOS</i>  |
| 3. Chair's Report<br><i>5 minutes</i>   | Information<br><i>David Reyno</i>                                       |
| 4. Legislative Report<br><i>10 minutes</i>                                    | Information<br><i>Raffi Hamparian/Marisa Yeager/<br/>Michael Turner</i> |
| 5. American Recovery & Re-Investment Act (ARRA)<br>Update<br><i>5 minutes</i> | Information<br><i>Regional Programming &amp; Policy<br/>Analysis</i>    |
| 6. Metro's Developer/Data Site<br><i>10 minutes</i>                           | Information<br><i>Maya Emsden</i>                                       |
| 7. Google Transit & Metro Update<br><i>5 minutes</i>                          | Information<br><i>Maya Emsden</i>                                       |
| 8. ASI & ADA Compliance of Bus Stops<br><i>10 minutes</i>                     | Information<br><i>Andre Colaiace</i>                                    |



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9. RIITS Strategic Plan/Coordination with Muni Operators  
*15 minutes*

Information  
*Peter Liu/Desiree Portillo-Rabinov*

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

Information Items:

90-day Rolling Agenda  
RTAA-CMAQ Fund Balances  
SAFETEA-LU 5307 15% Discretionary Fund Balances  
SAFETEA-LU 5307 85% Fund Balances  
SAFETEA-LU TE1% Fund Balances  
Summary of Invoices — FY09  
Summary of EZ Pass Invoices  
Subsidy Matrix  
TDA/STA Claim Summary  
Regional Pass Sales

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## Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

### ➔ Gateway Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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| 1. Call to Order<br><i>1 min</i>   | Action ( <i>Paul Maselbas</i> )  |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>Attachment 1: Draft June 18, 2009 Minutes<br>Attachment 2: Sign in Sheet/Attendance Sheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Streets &amp; Freeways Meeting</li></ul> <i>1 min</i> | Action ( <i>Subcommittee</i> )   |
| 3. Chairperson Report<br><i>5 min</i>  | Information ( <i>Paul Maselbas</i> )   |
| 4. Metro Report<br><i>5 min</i>  | Information ( <i>Fulgene Asuncion</i> )                                      |
| 5. Caltrans Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DBE Goal Issue</li><li>• E-76 Authorization</li><li>• Grant Opportunities</li></ul> <i>10 min</i>   | Information ( <i>Kirk Cessna</i> )   |
| 6. Legislative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal</li><li>• State Budget</li></ul> <i>10 min</i>   | Information ( <i>Michael Turner, Raffi Hamparian, Marisa Valdez Yeager</i> ) |
| 7. 2009 Call for Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rainbow Report</li><li>• Modal Lead Presentations</li></ul> <i>45 min</i>  | Action ( <i>Rena Lum</i> )   |



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| 8. CTC Update<br><i>10 min</i>   | Information ( <i>Patricia Chen</i> )              |
| 9. State Local Partnership Program Update<br><i>5 min</i>                            | Information (Patricia Chen/ <i>Toye Oyewole</i> ) |
| 10. Programming Cost Changes<br>• State Highway & Soundwall Projects<br><i>5 min</i> | Information (Robert Machuca)                      |
| 11. Congestion Mitigation Fee<br><i>5 min</i>  | Information (Robert Calix)                        |
| 12. New Business<br><i>5 min</i>   | Discussion ( <i>Subcommittee</i> )                |
| 13. Adjournment<br><i>1 min</i>  | Action ( <i>Subcommittee</i> )                    |

The next meeting of the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee is to be determined. Please contact Fulgene Asuncion at (213) 922-3025 should you have any questions or comments regarding this or future agendas.

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## **SPECIAL TDM/ AIR QUALITY SUB COMMITTEE**

### **Sierra Madre (16<sup>th</sup> floor) Conference Room**

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Call to Order/Roll Call

*Action (Mark Yamarone)*

1. Chairperson's Report  
5 min

*Information  
(Mark Yamarone)*

2. Call for Projects Update  
Funding Marks/Rainbow  
Report 2009

*Action  
(Rena Lum, , Rufina Juarez)*

3. New Business

TDM Information & Technology Symposium  
Multi-mobility Task Force Update

4. Adjournment

Please call Rufina Juarez at (213) 922-7405 or e-mail to "juarezr@metro.net", if you have questions regarding the agenda or the meeting. The next meeting will be on TBD at 10:30 a.m. in Room to TBD



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## Attachment 2

### Subcommittee Actions

## **Disposition of July 2009 Subcommittee Actions**

### **Bus Operation Subcommittee:**

#### July 21, 2009 meeting

- Approved June 16, 2009 minutes

### **Local Transit Systems Subcommittee:**

No Meeting

### **Streets and Freeways Subcommittee:**

#### July 14, 2009 meeting

- Approved minutes of June 18, 2009
- Approved 2009 Call for Projects Preliminary Staff Recommendations

### **TDM/Air Quality Subcommittee:**

#### July 8, 2009 meeting

- Approved 2009 Call for Projects Preliminary Staff Recommendations for the TDM modal category

## Attachment 3

Draft July 1, 2009 TAC Minutes

Sign-In Sheet

TAC Member Attendance

# Meeting Minutes

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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Cory Zelmer (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

#### **BOS (David Reyno)**

- BOS met on June 16, 2009;
- Metro staff provided updates on:
  - The new Transportation Development Act (TDA) Statutes and California Codes and Requirements,
  - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA);
- Metrolink provided updates on their fare increase and transfer policy;
- SCAG announced the formation of a new Transit Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC);
- BOS elected a new Secretary, Joseph Loh, who will also be the new TAC Alternate member for Mr. Reyno;
- Next Meeting will be held on July 21, 2009.

#### **Local Transit Systems (Joyce Rooney)**

LTSS held the National Transit Database (NTD) training session to review the NTD Audits in lieu of a regular meeting. In addition, members of the LTSS Working group met with Metro's Accounting staff to review changes to the NTD Audit Process to improve communications and to streamline the process.

#### **Streets and Freeways (Fulgene Asuncion)**

No chair or vice-chair was present, Metro staff provided the Streets and Freeways updates:

- Met on June 18, 2009 and received updates on:

- Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) FY 2010 Budget in the amount of \$17.55 million, which included:
  - Expansion of the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) services
  - The #399 Mobile Call Box
  - Expanding the Big Rig Tow Service on the I-710,
- Results of the Recertification/Deobligation/Extension appeals process for the Call for Projects (CFP)
- The Economic Stimulus/TIP – Metro will be holding ProgramMetro Database training workshops throughout the summer to prepare agencies for the 2010 TIP adoption
- Measure R Local Return Guidelines – Metro is working on the draft guidelines for Board approval in December or earlier if possible
- FY 2010 Fund Allocation – FY2010 Estimates and Allocations for Propositions A and C, Measure R Local Return, and TDA Article 3 and Article 8
- LRTP– Board deferred action
- 2009 CFP – Preliminary fund estimate of \$330 million broken out by modal category with funding set to begin FY 2014
- The next meeting is Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and TAC will hold a Special Meeting to review the Rainbow Report on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **TDM/ Air Quality (Mark Yamarone) Attachments**

- No meeting was held in June 2009;
- A Special meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> to review 2009 Call for Projects staff preliminary recommendations on the TDM Category.

#### **3. Consent Calendar Attachments**

A motion to approve the June 3, 2009 minutes was made by Greg Herrman (League of California Cities - Arroyo Verdugo) and seconded by John Fong (City of Los Angeles). There were no abstentions or objections.

#### **4. Chairperson's Report (Alan Patashnick, Metro)**

At its June 25, 2009 meeting, the Metro Board reviewed:

- The third quarter Financial Performance regarding Propositions A and C, and TDA revenues through the first six months of the year. Proposition A is down \$16 million, Proposition C down \$16 million, and TDA is down \$10 million. To date, there is a variance of \$131 million for this year's revenues from what was budget or so far;
- The Board approved:
  - Extending the Big Rig Service contract on the I-710;
  - Planning and Programming, FY10 funding allocation of \$1.29 billion in Transportation Funds covering nine different fund sources;
  - Preliminary Funding Marks for the 2009 Call for Projects totaling \$330 million in seven different modes;
- Approved a motion calling for a thorough review of how Metro treats the disabled community on its bus and rail system;

- Bruce Hear for the Transit User Sit on the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector Governance Council, term ending on June 30, 2012:
- Reappointed on the Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council, term ending June 30, 2012: Reappointment Anne M. Bayer — Elected Official Seat, Jo Ann Eros Delgado — Community Member Seat and Harley Rubenstein — Community Member Seat, and appointed Lillie Dobson --- Elected Official Seat;
- Approved FY 10 Budget for Access Services in the amount of \$54.4 million;
- Approved Metro to serve as a pass-through grant sponsor for specified federal and state funds on behalf of the Cities and the County that are interested and unprepared to apply for and receive federal transit funds. There will be a fee of 5% of the grant amount for the assistance;
- A Regional Ride Share Services agreement with Riverside County for \$1.5 million, for a five-year period for assistance with cross-county commuting.

Mr. Patashnick stated that an article in the Daily Journal newspaper reported that Caltrans is being sued over its new contracting quota. “The Pacific Legal Foundation sued Caltrans recently, alleging that the agency’s new Contract Quota Program for minority owned firms is ‘...as unconstitutional as the last one.’” The previous contract was thrown out by an Appellate Court three years ago.

Mark Yamarone (TDM/AQ) asked if there were percentages attached to the reduction in Propositions A and C, and TDA revenues. Mr. Patashnick replied that for the first six months of the year, Propositions A and C were down approximately 5% and TDA was down nearly 6%.

## **5. Legislative Update**

### **Federal (Raffi Hamparian, Metro)**

Mr. Hamparian stated that would cover four topics: the Surface Transportation Authorization Bill, the Appropriations Bill, the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program, and the Infrastructure Bank.

He stated that the House Chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee, Peter Defazio (D-OR), proposed a transaction tax on crude oil securities to pay for the deficiency in the Highway Trust Fund and to pay for the Surface Transportation Authorization Act of 2009. The Surface Transportation Authorization Act of 2009 requires \$450 billion in funding over six years and the existing funding mechanisms leave a \$140 billion funding gap. A transaction tax on crude oil securities would raise more than \$190 billion over six years, more than enough to fill the gap.

Mr. Hamparian added that if the Highway Trust Funds shortfall gets below the authorized levels under Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), there will be earmarks and formulas with no funds attached. Secretary Ray LaHood has not laid out a specific proposal on how the shortfall should be paid and there was no resolution offered by officials at the Office of Management and Budget.

Two weeks ago, the White House announced that Secretary LaHood would support an adoption of an eighteen-month extension of the Surface Transportation Authorization. In addition, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) endorsed the Surface Transportation Authorization Bill's eighteen-month extension. What this means is that the Surface Transportation Authorization Bill's eighteen-month extension will expire on December 2010, one-month after the mid-term elections. Last week, the House Subcommittee voted down the Bill's \$450 million funding mark. The revenue total has to be adopted before the Bill can be entertained on the Full House floor. James Oberstar Chairman of the T&I Committee was disappointed that the Bill was not accepted by the House Subcommittee.

It is possible that Chairman Oberstar may move forward with the Surface Transportation Authorization Bill in the Full House Committee as he did in the Subcommittee. In the Subcommittee, Chairman Oberstar asked all of the Subcommittee members not to offer an amendment so that the Bill could be dispatched quickly by the Subcommittee.

Mr. Hamparian announced that there will be a mark-p to the Appropriations Bill within three weeks by the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Development for FY 2010. Possibly a week later, the Full House Committee mark-p will also be made.

Mr. Hamparian announced that several deadlines are approaching regarding the TIGER Discretionary Grants. The Recovery Act appropriated \$1.5 billion of supplemental discretionary grant funding for significant projects by cities, regions, or states. The minimum grant amount is \$20 million with a maximum of \$300 million. Notice of Intent are due to Caltrans by July 7<sup>th</sup>; MPO's and RTPA's draft TIGER applications are due to Caltrans by July 27<sup>th</sup>; and applications for the TIGER Discretionary Grants are due September 15<sup>th</sup>. The grants will be announced in February 2010. In addition, the Governor, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, and other pertinent Chief Executives must certify that the Infrastructure investment shall receive the full review and vetting required by law and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Mr. Hamparian responded that the idea behind the concept is not to preclude individual entities from submitting their applications, but to submit one unified application from California.

Regarding High Speed Rail (HSR), Mr. Hamparian stated that those applications are due in August 2009. HSR's Project Specific grants will be issued in October 2009 and the grants associated with the Corridor Development Program will be issued in December 2009.

Mr. Hamparian reported on the National Infrastructure Development Bank Act of 2009 (HR 2521), introduced by Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn). The Bill is to facilitate efficient investment in the financing of Infrastructure projects which create new jobs. Under Representative DeLauro's legislation, the Bank would have up to \$625 billion in lending capacity to make loans and sell securities to attract private investment in Infrastructure projects. President Obama has offered support for a National Infrastructure Bank. His budget request included \$5 billion for FY 2010 for seed money to create the bank. Recently, the President changed his FY 2010 request from \$5 billion to \$2 billion. He also included that Congress specify that the funds be leveraged for transportation projects only. Mr. Hamparian added that Representative DeLauro's legislation is moving forward and has been referred to three

committees: Energy and Commerce, House Financial Services, and the House Transportation and Infrastructure.

David Feinberg (League – Westside Cities) asked if the 18 month delay on the Authorization Bill was due more to legislators wanting to push it off until the mid-term elections or because the funding looked too uncertain? Mr. Hamparian replied that when the Obama Administration came into office, they did not have a proposal. Generally, Administrations come forward with ideas, but this Administration does not yet have a proposal for the Authorization Bill. Therefore, it can be argued that the Administration delayed the Authorization for 18 months to come up with a plan. Any version of the Bill may include doubling the revenue total which will involve taxes, fees, and other financial costs. Subsequently, the feeling on Capitol Hill, excluding the Chairman of the T&I Committee, is that the revenue total will not be obtained prior to 2010.

Mr. Feinberg inquired about Metro's role in the High Speed Rail (HSR). Mr. Hamparian replied that the HSR Authority will produce the application for the State.

**State (Michael Turner, Metro)**

Mr. Turner added that Metro is working with Orange County and the HSR Authority on specific segments of the HSR application, in particular the Anaheim to Los Angeles segment. Metro intends to move forward with the Governor's office and the HSR Authority on a very aggressive application geared toward that particular segment.

Mr. Turner announced that the State Budget continues at a stalemate. Proposals have been passed around from one House to another and subjected to the Governor's veto. On one side, the Senate approves a package which does not get approval from the Assembly. On the other side, the Assembly's package does not obtain Senate approval. The chief concern for Metro is the proposal that recommends swapping the gas tax with a fee because transit would not be funded under this proposal according to Article 19. In addition, there are ambiguities as to whether the proposal poses legal challenges should the removal of the gas tax be in one bill and the imposition of a fee be in another. Under this scenario, a lawsuit might develop on the imposition of the fee or the legislation imposing the fee and not the removal of the gas tax. Therefore, a court could prohibit the State from imposing the fee or prohibit that legislation from being enacted while the removal of the gas tax remains effective. This would leave Metro with no source of funding. This is a significant legal problem that Metro is working closely with legislators and leaders on building awareness to this risk.

Mr. Turner also announced that the Cities and the County will be losing their State subventions under the Williamson Act Program for a General Fund savings of \$34.7 million for the next two years. The League of California Cities is discussing actions against the loss. In addition, advocates in Sacramento, such as the transit advocates and League advocates, are coming together on a more holistic framework to deal with policymakers. Also, June 30<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Appeals issued a decision on the California Transit Association's (CTA) lawsuit against the State. The CTA sued the State alleging that it illegally took the Public Transportation Account (PTA) revenues from transit operators during the last few years. The decision from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Appeals was in favor of the transit operators in the amount of \$2 billion owed by the State. The next step is that the State will appeal the decision, which will result in a

stay on the decision. However, Metro and others have no real legal recourse to collect the funds from the State after the decision is appealed. The second issue is how anyone would collect \$2 billion from a State which has no money. Having a judgment on our side is helpful, it is a good and moral victory, but its practical effects may not be seen for some time.

Steve Lantz (SCRRA) stated that there is speculation that the State can swap the PTA funds or eliminate the program all together. Mr. Turner replied that it is possible and that one of the first things that happen when someone wins a lawsuit against the State is that the State budget people look for ways around it.

#### **6. 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (David Yale, Metro) Handout**

Mr. Yale announced that on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Board held a Special meeting to consider adoption of the LRTP, but deferred taking any action. As a result, the Special LRTP workshop for TAC scheduled on June 15<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Mr. Yale added that there has not been an action on the LRTP since 2001.

Mr. Yale began his overview of the LRTP by stating that with Measure R, there are now more than fifty funding types which make it even more complex to prepare a comprehensive financial strategy necessary for success. In addition, Metro must meet with SCAG to discuss the process and schedule for the necessary TIP amendments. Metro will periodically update TAC and the Board Members on the progress and implementation of the LRTP as well as proposed changes and strategies within the Plan.

Mr. Yale introduced the LRTP major financial assumptions stating that Metro assumes that sales tax revenues will recover after the recession. Currently, sales tax revenues are down more than 6% over last year's forecast and a similar decrease is expected for this year. For the first five funding years of the LRTP, Mr. Yale reported an anticipated decline of \$1.8 billion for all four sales taxes: TDA, Prop A, Prop C, and Measure R. For subsequent funding years, revenue forecasts were adjusted downward as follows: FY 16 to FY 21 - down \$1.0 billion, FY 22 to FY 26 – down \$0.8 billion and FY 27 to FY39 – down \$3.0 billion.

Forecasts for local, state and federal funding sources were updated to show changes since January 2009. Local funds showed a 3% decline, State funds a 1.7% decline, and Federal funds a 10.3% increase resulting in a cumulative decrease of 1.5% for all three sources.

For the schedule of Transit projects, several projects were accelerated with Measure R including the Crenshaw Corridor project with an estimated opening year of 2018 and the San Fernando Valley North/South, Phase I (Canoga Orange Line Extension) with an estimated opening year of 2013. The Westside Subway Extension will be opened in segments with the first segment to Fairfax opening by 2019 and the next two segments to Century City and Westwood opening in 2026 and 2036, respectively. According to the Full Funding Grant Agreement needed, Metro is asking the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to evaluate the New Starts rating for the first segment based on the performance data of all three segments. Along with this request, Metro is also seeking approval to environmentally clear all three segments and receive a medium-high rating for the LRTP's financial plan.

Mr. Yale reported that slides 15 and 16 shows a detailed deficit of the Financial forecast, Metro Bus and Rail Operating Deficit and Measure R Assumptions. Metro Bus and Rail Operation Deficit is \$1.4 billion and growing to \$1.5 billion in 2014. Over the next four years the deficit percentage will total 6.8%. Under the Measure R Assumptions, 35% Transit Capital Sub-funds, the assumption for the Expo Phase II Measure R freed up is \$611.7 million and the SFV North-South Measure R freed up funds total \$182.0 million. Measure R Assumptions, 20% Highway Capital Sub-funds for the I-5 South highway funds, freed up at \$264.8 million to be used towards the West Santa Ana Branch project. The I-5 South/Carmenita highway funds freed up (\$138.0 million) shall remain in the Gateway sub-region. The I-5 North HOV Lanes (SR-134 to SR-170) \$271.5 million funds freed up and divided based on mileage between Arroyo Verdugo and San Fernando Valley sub-regions; and the I-5/Route 14 Direct Connector funds freed up \$90.8 million reserved for the North County sub-region.

Jano Baghdanian (LTSS) stated according to the slide, “the I-5 North HOV Lanes (SR-134 to SR-170) \$271.5 million funds freed up and divided based on mileage,” does the 1/3 of the \$271.5 million will get divided. Mr. Yale replied that it is correct based on the length of the HOV Lanes from SR 134 to 170 freeways, the Sub-regional Council of Governments (COG) boundaries follows about 1/3 of the of the length of that segment. Therefore, 1/3 will be distributed to the Arroyo Verdugo COG and the other 2/3 will be distributed amongst the San Fernando Valley. In addition, based on a 2/3 vote from the Board, the plan assumes that the vote will occur later when the time comes if the project is fully funded.

Mr. Yale continued with the 2009 Plan Highway Projects design overview of project that are open and under construction. Also, there are projects that may not be in its planning or design phase and may have a longer term or commitment in the LRTP. Slides 23 and 24, shows highway projects that are not fully funded under Measure R. Metro has hired a consultant to review the Public Private Partnership (PPP) process, as the first emphasis on Measure R projects.

Mr. Yale summed up his presentation on the Metro’s future Calls for Projects, the Special Board Meeting Outcomes, the next steps, and implementation activities. Metro’s next steps compose of presentations to Citizens’ Advisory Council, TAC, and Councils of Government in June and July 2009 and returning to the Board on July 23, 2009. Mr. Yale provided an update to slide 30, which shows ASI as a misprint. Instead of ASI, he asked to change it to ADA and Measure R Expenditure Plan is included in the handout as Attachment A.

Mr. Feinberg asked if the financial Assumption’s \$200 million includes Very Small Starts and Small Starts projects or is it just for New Starts Program? Mr. Yale replied that the Financial Assumption’s \$200 million is just for New Starts projects.

Mr. Lantz asked about the time frame for the Public Private Partnership Process and implementation program? Renee Berlin (Metro) responded that Metro is gathering information on projects contained in the LRTP emphasizing the Measure R projects giving them first priority. Metro is planning to return to the Board in October or November with the initial screening of projects to move forward into the next phase of the screening. Mr. Lantz asked if Metro was just looking at Measure R projects? Ms. Berlin replied most are the first priority.

Haripal Vir (City of Los Angeles) asked if the \$174 million is the total allocation for Phase II (East) of the San Fernando Valley North/South project on page 6 of the handout? He also asked what Metro meant by freed up on page 9 that shows 2/3 of \$271.5 million? Mr. Yale explained that the San Fernando Valley North/South Phase II (East) project is under development and is working on defining the Scope. Metro had a commitment to fund this project at a level of \$180 million by 2026 in escalated dollars. If the funds were de-escalated and the project were delivered early, by 2018 on the Measure R schedule, then the cost is now less than initially funded and the types of funds committed to it begins to drive the total amount committed. Therefore, the \$100 million from the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) and the \$68 million from Measure R are now committed to the project. There is a \$3.5 million interest assumption included in the \$174 million and a 3% local contribution assumption, which is \$5.1 million. In the end, the TCRP and Metro's commitment to the project's Scope totals \$165 million in escalated dollars over a four-year period to FY 2018. Mr. Vir stated he would like a detailed summary of the project's funding from Metro.

Larry Stevens (League-San Gabriel Valley COG) asked if the Plan is subjected to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or does Metro rely on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) through SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)? Mr. Yale replied that Metro relies on the EIR performed through the RTP. Mr. Stevens responded if Mr. Yale could characterize the nature of the Amendment that will be requested from SCAG in the 2008 RTP? Mr. Yale replied that Metro has some assumptions about the Subway Phasing in the RTP that may need to be amended to reflect the Phasing in the LRTP.

Mr. Stevens asked if the strategic unfunded projects are not anticipated to be completed before 2039 unless other revenue sources come forth? Mr. Yale replied that there is about \$8 billion from the existing revenue sources available for strategic projects beyond 2026.

#### **7. 2009 Call For Projects Recertification/Deobligation/Extension Action (Fanny Pan/Toye Oyewole, Metro) Handout**

Ms. Pan announced that Metro will go to the Board to recertify and deobligate the 2009 Call for Projects (CFP). Metro will recertify \$129.49 million of the CFP, receive and file time extensions on projects totaling \$153.34 million, and recommending deobligating \$7.22 million. There are thirteen projects that are recommended to be deobligated: four projects were cancelled with the sponsor sending a letter of cancellation to Metro; six projects have audit savings in previous years; and three projects were downscoped by the sponsor.

Ms. Pan reviewed those projects that TAC deferred at their June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

- Project F1659, City of Beverly Hills, Pedestrian Improvements for Intersections with Bus Stops - requested to change sponsorship to the City of Culver City and to downscope the project;
- Project F1957, LA City, LA Valley College Bus Station Extension – Metro received a signed Letter of Agreement on June 25<sup>th</sup> from the sponsor;
- Project F1704, LA City, Downtown L.A. Alternative Green Transit Modes Trail Program – Sponsor meet the special condition of the Scope of Work, LADOT has agreed on a Pilot Fixed Route and Metro is processing the Letter of Agreement (LOA);

- F1716, LA City, Regional Integration of Paratransit Resources - Andre Colaiace (Access Services) provided an update stating that Access Services and Metro have agreed upon a SOW and are moving forward with a LOA.
- Project F1725, LA City, WIFI on the Gold Line – Rufina Juarez (Metro) provided an update stating that the signature page needs to be changed to Carmen Trutanich to replace Rocky Delgadillo as Los Angeles City Attorney.

Ms. Pan stated that with all of the other sponsor’s projects on Attachment E, Metro concurs with the TAC recommendations.

A motion to approve the 2009 Call for Projects Recertification/Deobligation/Extension Action was made by David Feinberg (League of California Cities – Westside Cities) and second by Steve Huang (League of California Cities – South Bay Cities). There were no abstentions or objections.

**8. ARRA – TIGER Discretionary Grants Program Information (Shahrazad Amiri, Metro)**

No report

**9. 2009 Call for Projects Update (Rena Lum, Metro)**

Ms. Lum provided an update on the status of the Preliminary Staff Recommendations. The Rainbow Report will be posted online July 6<sup>th</sup> and sponsors should receive hard copies in the mail by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Special meetings will be held at 9:30 am at:

- BOS on July 7<sup>th</sup>;
- TDM/Air Quality Subcommittee on July 8<sup>th</sup>;
- Streets and Freeways on July 14<sup>th</sup>;
- TAC on July 15<sup>th</sup>;
- TAC Appeals meeting is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. Anyone requesting to appeal their ranking can set up an appointment with Quenisha Williams at (213) 922 – 7474. Metro has set aside five-minute time slots for each appeal, three minutes for presenter’s presentations and two minutes for questions and answers from TAC members. Any presenter who chooses to bring handouts should bring at least 35 copies to the meeting.

Mr. Patashnick asked if there was a date set for a Board workshop? Ms. Lum replied that there is a tentative date in August for a Board workshop. However, it is unclear whether the Board will be meeting in August.

**10. Congestion Mitigation Fee Update (Robert Calix)**

No report

**11. CTC Meeting Recap (Patricia Chen)**

No report


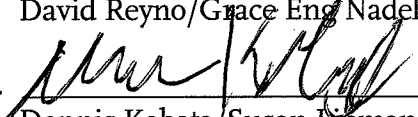
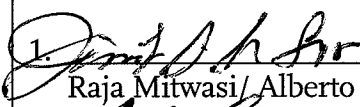


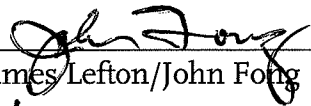

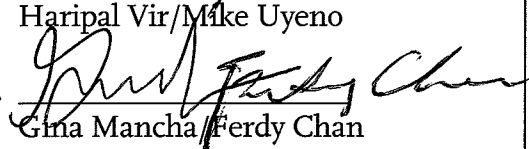
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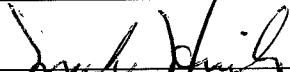
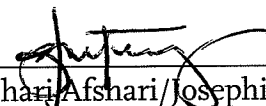
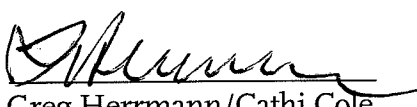
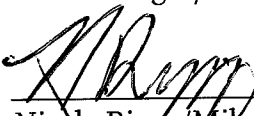


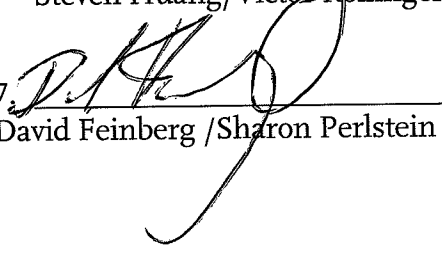
Ellen Blackman (Citizen Representative on ADA) announced that the Accessibility motion unanimously passed the Board’s approval.


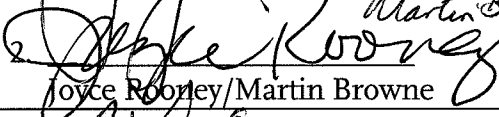
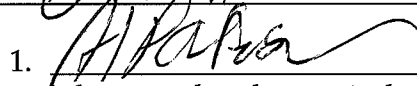
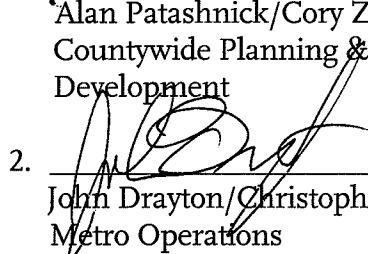
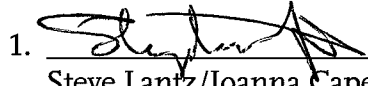

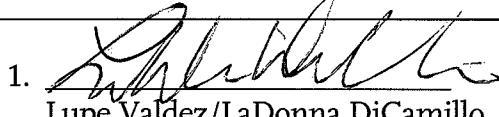

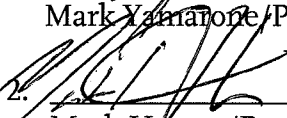
### **13. Adjournment**

The next Special TAC meeting will be held on July 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Union Station Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Sign in Sheet**  
**July 1, 2009**

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>
AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA	1. _____ Marianne Kim/ Stephen Finnegan
BUS OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (BOS)	1.  _____ David Reyno/ Grace Eng Nadel 2.  _____ Dennis Kobata/ Susan Lipman
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL	1. _____ Sgt. Mike Stefanoff/ Lt. Dave Bowen
CALTRANS	1.  _____ Raja Mitwasi/ Alberto Angelini 2.  _____ Vacant/ Kirk Cessna
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE ON ADA	1.  _____ Ellen Blackman/ John Whitbread
CITY OF LONG BEACH	1. _____ Sumi Gant/ Mark Christoffels
CITY OF LOS ANGELES	1.  _____ James Lefton/ John Fong 2.  _____ Haripal Vir/ Mike Uyeno 3.  _____ Gina Mancha/ Ferdy Chan

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<p>COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES</p>	<p>1.  Mark Herwick/Travis Seawards</p> <p>2.  Shari Afshari/ Josephine Gutierrez</p> <p>3. _____ Patrick V. DeChellis/ Paul Maselbas</p>
<p>LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">Arroyo Verdugo Cities</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">Gateway Cities COG</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">Las Virgenes Malibu COG</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">North Los Angeles County</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">San Gabriel Valley COG</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">South Bay Cities COG</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">Westside Cities COG</p>	<p>1.  Greg Herrmann/Cathi Cole</p> <p>2. _____ Desi Alvarez/Lisa Rapp</p> <p>3. _____ Robert Brager/Ramiro Adeva</p> <p>4.  Nicole Rizzo/Mike Behen</p> <p>5.  Larry Stevens /Craig Bradshaw</p> <p>6.  Steven Huang/Victor Rollinger</p> <p>7.  David Feinberg /Sharon Perlstein</p>

<p>LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE (LTSS)</p>	<p>1.  / Alex Gonzalez      2.  / Martin Browne</p>
<p>METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Metro)</p>	<p>1.  / Cory Zelmer      Countywide Planning &amp; Development      2.  / Christopher Gallanes      Metro Operations</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY (SCRRA - Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1.  / Joanna Capelle</p>
<p>SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD -- Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1. _____      Eyvonne Sells / Kathryn Higgins</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG -- Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1.  / Annie Nam</p>
<p>GOODS MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVE (Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1.  / LaDonna DiCamillo</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT/ AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE</p>	<p>1.  / Phil Aker      2.  / Brooke Geer Person</p>

# TAC Audience Attendance

July 1, 2009

	Name	Agency	Phone Number	E-Mail
1	Alex Gonzalez	LTSS / CAVINA	(626) 858-7219	Agonzalez@covinaca.gov
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3	PATTI POST	PPA	310-230-4400	postpost@adl.com
4	Ryan Greenway	Metro	213-922-6871	rgreenway@metro.net
5	JIMMY L. SETHI	CALTRANS	213-897-8443	jimmysethi@dot.ca.gov
6	Teresa Fong	Metro	(213) 922-2854	fongte@metro.net
7	Aliga Bell-Dholina	Berg CM	(310) 548-9292	aliga@bergen.com
8	Andre Calais	Access	213-270-6007	Calais@calais.com
9	Arsen Mangosarian	LADOT	213 972 4981	
10	Sal Zambrano	POLA	310.732.3654	szambrano@portla.org
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# Attachment 4

Draft July 15, 2009 TAC Minutes

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# Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

### 2. Discussion, Review and Comment on: Draft 2009 Call for Projects Rainbow Report (Alan Patashnick/Rena Lum/Modal Leads)

Mr. Patashnick (TAC Chair) stated that TAC members are being asked to review and comment on the Draft 2009 Call for Projects Preliminary Staff Recommendations. Mr. Patashnick added that the TAC Call for Projects Appeals Protocol was attached for their information and will be instituted during the TAC Appeals on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. He informed TAC Members that there may be an issue with SB286 and its requirements that TEA projects utilize the Conservation Corps. James Rojas will discuss the issues later in today's meeting.

Ms. Lum announced that the Preliminary Staff Report or Rainbow Report was posted online Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and that hard copies were mailed to Applicants that same week. She announced that she will give an overview of the Rainbow Report followed by each of the Modal Leads discussing projects within their modes.

The overview:

- Metro received 307 applications in the 2009 CFP;
- \$2.2 billion in funding was requested with \$4.7 billion in total project costs;
- At their June meeting, the Board adopted the 2009 CFP funding mark of \$330 million;
- At the July Board meeting, staff will recommend \$7 million be deobligated from prior CFP projects. Metro will ask the Board to roll those funds into the current CFP for a total of \$337 million.

Ms. Lum introduced the Modal Leads:

- Walt Davis – Regional Surface Transportation Improvements,
- Randy Lamm – Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvements,
- Rufina Juarez – Transportation Demand Management,
- Lynne Goldsmith – Bikeway Improvements,
- Tham Nguyen – Pedestrian Improvements,
- Larry Torres – Transit Capital,
- James Rojas – Transportation Enhancement Activities.

Walt Davis reported that the RSTI mode received 76 applications, eight of which were Goods Movement projects. After reviewing the projects, 71 projects were determined to be eligible for funding, four Caltrans projects were deemed ineligible and the City of Los Angeles withdrew one project from consideration. Metro staff recommended 27 projects to be funded: 5 Goods Movement projects and 22 RSTI projects. In all, the 76 applications totaled \$1.7 billion. Of the \$141,047,550 available to the RSTI mode, \$35.9 million was apportioned to five Goods Movement Projects leaving a balance of \$105 million available to the 22 RSTI projects.

Mr. Davis added that Goods Movement projects were very difficult to evaluate with the non Goods Movement projects because of their inability to meet the scoring criteria and their higher costs. Metro is considering that, in the next CFP, the Board creates a separate Goods Movement modal category.

Mr. Davis reported that both a quantitative and qualitative analysis was used to evaluate projects. Most projects that did well in their quantitative scoring also did well in the qualitative scores because they showed density, delay, and a strong project need.

Alberto Angelini (Caltrans) asked what disqualified Caltrans projects from the RSTI funding. Mr. Davis responded that many of the Caltrans projects are funded in the LRTP and are located on highways that are ineligible for RSTI funding. Mr. Angelini replied that it was not a criterion in the past nor was it properly communicated in discussions with staff. Mr. Davis replied that to be in the LRTP, a project has to be 100% funded.

Nicole Rizzo (League, North Los Angeles County COG) asked how the projects were ranked that had the same score. Mr. Davis replied that projects with the same score are considered a tie. Ms. Rizzo asked how many projects are recommended for funding. Mr. Patashnick responded that a total of 27 projects are being recommended for funding; five Goods Movements projects and 22 RSTI projects.

Randy Lamm reported that the Signal Synchronization mode had \$71.3 million in available funding after transferring approximately \$8 million to the RSTI category. He stated that 19 applications were received and considered for funding and 18 were recommended. Mr. Lamm added that the funding distribution was as follows:

- 64% is being recommended for the County of Los Angeles,
- 28% divide among the other local cities,
- 8% recommended for the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Lamm stated that the 18 projects recommended for funding requested approximately \$86 million and that to fund the projects Metro reduced the scope of the County's three Traffic Forum Projects.

Rufina Juarez (Metro) reported that the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) mode had \$14.5 million in available funding, received 31 applications, and 18 projects were recommended for funding. Originally, this category had a funding mark of \$23 million but did not need the full amount to fund the recommended projects. Therefore, approximately \$8.5 million was transferred to the Pedestrian category. Ms. Juarez stated that the funding distribution to the subregions is as follows:

- 34% Central
- 24% San Gabriel Valley
- 15% Gateway
- 15% Westside
- 12% San Fernando Valley

David Feinberg (League-Westside Cities) asked if kiosk projects are being funded in the 2009 Call for Projects. Ms. Juarez replied that previous kiosks systems funded through the CFP had various, technical issues. The new kiosk systems are easier to maintain because they have interactive LCD monitors.

Lynne Goldsmith announced that Bikeway Improvements modal category has \$26.6 million available and received 26 applications. Of the 26 applications, 16 projects considered for funding, one project was transferred from the TDM category, two projects are Expo Light Rail Transit Bikeway projects (funded under the Long Range Transportation Plan) and were not considered in the funding mark. Several projects involving ROW acquisition were not being recommended for funding because the discussions for acquiring the necessary ROW were not initiated prior to the application being submitted. Fourteen projects were recommended for funding.

Tham Nguyen announced that the Pedestrian Improvements mode had \$36.4 million available with 61 applications received and 23 projects being recommended for funding. Ms. Nguyen added that the projects that scored well in the evaluation process showed high transit ridership and pedestrian activity as well as good linkages between transit facilities and activity centers. The applications that did not score very well lacked sufficient information, was incomplete, or the project had a glaring deficiency.

Larry Torres announced that Transit Capital (TC) had \$37.3 million available with 44 applications received and 18 projects being recommended for funding. Mr. Torres added that vehicle purchases were the number one request and that funding had to be balanced amongst the other categories in the TC mode. In addition, eligible operators that had other funding sources could use those sources to fund their bus replacement or expansion requests; funds such as ARRA, Formula Section 5307, TDA, and 1% TEA funds. When calculated, \$19.8 million or 53% of the total funds, representing 18 projects, are for vehicle acquisition and 47% are for non-vehicle requests.

Ellen Blackman (ADA) asked what kinds of passenger amenities were included in the TC projects. Mr. Torres replied that the amenities included improvements to transit centers for passenger safety; improvements for bicyclists, station signage and walkways. Ms. Blackman asked if there were any improvements for passengers with disabilities. Mr. Torres replied yes, that improvements for disabled passengers are a criterion looked for in the Scope of Work (SOW).

James Rojas announced that the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) category has \$10.4 million available with 47 applications received and 15 projects being recommended for funding. Mr. Rojas added that seven of the 15 projects were downscoped due to elements that did not enhance the project location. The funding was evenly distributed among the cities and the County.

Mr. Rojas reported that in September 2008 SB 286 became State law requiring agencies using TEA funds to partner with the California Conservation Corp (CCC) in implementing their project. Staff is working with Caltrans to develop a policy for how agencies can incorporate CCC into future projects. Mr. Rojas added that Metro and Caltrans will hold a workshop in October for the CCC, cities and County to provide updates for and instructional information on SB 286.

Mr. DeChellis (County of Los Angeles) asked if the TEA projects recommended for funding are currently partnering with the CCC according to SB 286. Mr. Rojas replied that projects recommended for funding are not currently working with the CCC due to the applications being distributed prior to the legislation passing. Staff decided not to reissue a new application, but rather to inform agencies of the SB 286 requirements once the funding recommendations are finalized. Also, staff has notified all L.A. County jurisdictions about SB 286. Mr. DeChellis asked if agencies that do not partner with the CCC are ineligible for TEA funding. Mr. Patashnick responded that the highest priority is given to those agencies that partner with the CCC. Mr. DeChellis added that project sponsors are required to offer the entire contract to the Corps and then the Corps will determine which components they can and cannot perform. Steve Huang (League – South Bay Cities COG) stated that that might violate State sole sourcing restrictions. Mr. DeChellis replied that the State is still working out those issues.

Larry Stevens (League – San Gabriel Valley COG) asked if any projects above or below the line have demonstrated a willingness to work with the CCC. Toye Oyewole (Metro) clarified that agencies will learn more information on SB 286 requirements at the October workshop. In addition, after the Board adopts the 2009 Call for Projects, Metro will notify affected agencies of the new requirements associated with TEA funds.

Mr. DeChellis asked after the project funding recommendations are approved, what will happen to projects which are above the funding line that do not want to partner with CCC. Will Metro fund the next project below the line? Sumi Gant (City of Long Beach) replied that it may depend on the type of project funded with TEA funds. Mr. DeChellis responded that according to Senator Lowenthal's interpretation and the direction received from Caltrans, all TEA projects are subject to the new requirements. Ms. Gant agreed that the CCC requirement applied to other TEA funded categories such as the Bicycle and Pedestrian modes. Mr. Rojas replied that Metro will distinguish what the CCC can or cannot provide as well as the percentage of work used in

TEA funded projects. Metro will work with the CCC to address TAC's questions and concerns about their participation in TEA projects.

Ms. Gant added that there are two tiers to the requirements. The first tier states that eligible project sponsors who partner with the CCC shall be selected first for funding. The second tier states that after all TEA eligible projects have been selected for funding, the remaining funds may be eligible for Bike and Pedestrian projects.

Ms. Lum announced that there are some technical corrections to be made to the Rainbow report.

- RSTI mode - F3109 Hawthorne Blvd Mobility Improvement Project – this project should have been scored with 75 and the Local Match is 8 points;
- Bike mode – F3507 South Baldwin Park Commuter Bikeway Project – these corrections are to align the funds with the actual funding request. The funding recommendation has decreased to \$483,728 and the local match decreased to \$336,150
- Transit Capital – F3405 Three alternative fuel buses for service expansion – the recommended funding is \$1,659,343 and the local match is \$414,780 to reflect the escalated cost;
- Transit Capital – F3443 Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs/Metrolink Pedestrian Plaza Upgrade – to escalate the recommended funding to \$116,407 and the local match \$1,047,665.

As a result of the changes, the total recommended funding decreased slightly from \$337,693,669 to \$337,551,176 or 0.04%.

Ms. Lum added that all of the Modal Leads presented their recommendations to the TAC Subcommittees of BOS, TDM/AQ, and Streets and Freeways. Next Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Metro will be holding TAC Appeals from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Due to scheduling conflicts, TAC Appeals could not be scheduled for one day only. In addition, the schedule for the appeals will not be available for review until Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Feinberg responded that if the TAC Appeals are to be decided on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, then members of BOS will not be present to participate due to a conflict with the BOS monthly meeting. Ms. Lum replied that Metro was considering discussing and obtaining recommendations from TAC on each day following the appeals.

Jano Baghdanian (LTSS) asked if all of the projects that are in the same mode can be scheduled around the same time. Ms. Lum replied that except for BOS, which are all scheduled for Monday, it is difficult to aggregate projects in the same time slot due to conflicts with the presenters' schedules. Ms. Lum added that there will be approximately 20 appeals with each presenter allowed 3 minutes followed by 2 minutes for questions from TAC members.

A consensus was reached by TAC to request that the Appeals and follow-up recommendations occur on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and that staff notify agencies to arrange the necessary schedule.

Joyce Rooney (LTSS) asked if TAC members will have discretion to move available funds. Ms. Lum replied that there is \$330 million in this CFP and the additional deobligated \$7 million for a total of \$337 million in funds. The \$337 million is a fixed amount in a zero-sum game. Ms. Lum added that if TAC Members hear an appeal of a project below the line and they think it is a

worthy project, any project above the line may have to be pushed below the funding line or recommended for less funding.

Mr. Baghdanian suggested that Metro should reduce all project funding, \$337 million, by 10% in order to fund worthwhile projects identified during the appeals process. Preliminary staff recommendations appear sound and staff was even able to come up with \$7 million in deobligated funds to contribute toward the 2009 CFP. Mr. Baghdanian added that the Appeals process is not going to work if it is done in the same manner as in previous years. He added that the deobligated funds could have been given to the Appeals process. Ms. Berlin replied that if no projects from the Appeal's process are deemed worthy for funding, then Metro will be left with \$7 million in unprogrammed funds.

Ms. Blackman added that she received a memo from Metro that encourages all applicants, whether the project is above or below the funding line, to make a presentation to TAC. She added that if she had a project that ranked just above the cut-off line, then she would appeal to protect her score. Ms. Berlin added that if TAC recommends reducing all funding by 10%, then agencies may not be able to produce a viable project. Ms. Gant suggested that another option was to make a recommendation asking Metro to withhold a percentage of the funding marks on future CFPs that could be used for the Appeals process.

Jano Baghdanian (LTSS) made a motion, which was seconded by Desi Alvarez (League-Gateway Cities COG), that after hearing the Appeals, if any projects are worthy of funding, direct staff to find additional funds or find additional funds through the reduction of recommended funding amounts not to exceed \$10 million in the aggregate. The motion failed.

Ms. Lum wrapped up the meeting by suggesting that project sponsors who do not receive funding should make an appointment to speak with the Modal Leads about their applications after September when the Board will be asked to adopt the Call. She added that the Modal Leads can make suggestions on improvements for future CFPs.

Mr. DeChellis announced that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds were discussed at the Streets and Freeways Committee yesterday; when will it be discussed at the TAC meeting. Mr. Patashnick replied that Metro can request David Yale to provide an update on the ARRA funding at the August 5<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting.

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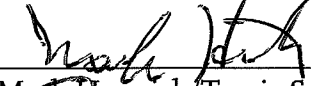
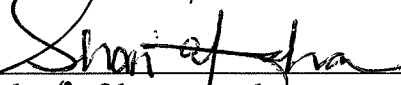
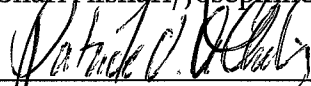
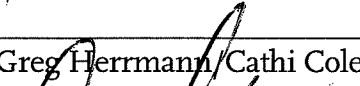

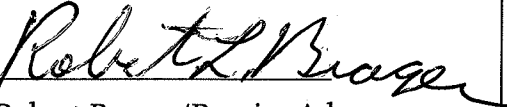




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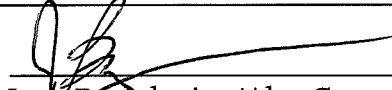
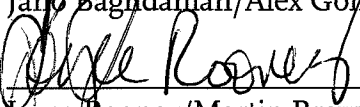
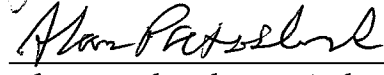
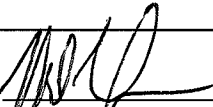
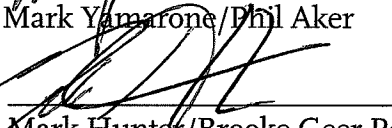
### **4. Adjournment**

The next Special TAC meeting for the 2009 CFP Appeals will be on July 20, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the next Regular TAC meeting will be on August 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Union Station Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES	1. <u>James Lefton</u> James Lefton/John Fong  2. <u>Haripal Vir</u> Haripal Vir/Mike Uyeno  3. <u>Gina Mancha</u> Gina Mancha/Ferdy Chan

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<p>LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE (LTSS)</p>	<p>1.         Jano Baghdanian/Alex Gonzalez</p> <p>2.         Joyce Rooney/Martin Browne</p>
<p>METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Metro)</p>	<p>1.         Alan Patashnick/Cory Zelmer        Countywide Planning &amp;        Development</p> <p>2. _____        John Drayton/Christopher Gallanes        Metro Operations</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY (SCRRA - Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1. _____        Steve Lantz/Joanna Capelle</p>
<p>SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD -- Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1. _____        Eyvonne Sells/Kathryn Higgins</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG -- Ex-Officio)</p>	<p>1. _____        David Rubinow/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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## Attachment 5

**Memo to TAC – Sponsor Appeals and TAC  
Recommendations**



**Metro™**

July 29, 2009

**TO: MTA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

**FROM: ALAN PATASHNICK, CHAIR** *AP*  
**MTA TAC**

**SUBJECT: 2009 CALL FOR PROJECTS SPONSOR APPEALS and TAC  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Attached are the July 20, 2009 TAC actions regarding the 2009 Call for Projects preliminary staff recommendations. These recommendations were formulated based on project applicant appeals.

Please review the attached and be prepared to take action confirming that these are TAC's recommendations with regard to the 2009 Call for Projects. Additionally, in the past, TAC has elected a representative to be present at the Board meetings. The Planning and Programming Committee will be held Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and the full Board meeting Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We strongly encourage TAC to elect a representative at the August 5<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting.

TAC's final recommendations will be incorporated into the report which will be presented to the Board in September.

Attachment

## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The MTA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a statutorily required advisory group that consists of thirty-one (31) representatives from a variety of public organizations including the League of California Cities, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and other transportation services providers and jurisdictions. The TAC is charged with providing MTA staff with technical advice regarding a variety of issues. A list of the TAC members is provided at the end of this attachment.

### **TAC ACTIONS REGARDING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The TAC met to review staff's preliminary TIP Call for Projects recommendations on July 20, 2009. As part of this review, TAC heard presentations by project sponsors who wanted to appeal or provide input on their project(s) rankings. TAC heard presentations from 10 project sponsors on 18 projects. After considerable discussion, TAC took actions on the modal categories as follows:

#### **I. Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI) Category**

**TAC Recommendation #1:** Exchange the City of Los Angeles Balboa Boulevard Widening at Devonshire Street Project #F3172 scored at a 72 for a recommended funding amount of \$1,209,132 with the City of Los Angeles Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Highway Intersection Improvement Project #F3144, scored at 63 points. Fund Project #F3144 with \$1,209,132, and staff not to rescore the project.

**Staff response:** Staff does not concur with the TAC recommendation. To maintain the integrity of the Call for Projects evaluation process which bases funding recommendations on the evaluation criteria scores, we do not recommend changing the preliminary staff funding recommendations to swap a lower-scoring project.

**TAC Recommendation #2:** Approve staff funding recommendations for the Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI) category with the TAC recommended change for the Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Highway Intersection Improvement Project #F3144.

**Staff response:** Based on the staff response to TAC Recommendation #1, we recommend maintaining the relative ranking of the project scores.

## **II. Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvements Category**

**TAC Recommendation:** Approved the preliminary staff recommendations for this category.

## **III. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Category**

**TAC Recommendation:** Approved the preliminary staff recommendations for this category.

## **IVa. Bikeway Improvements Category**

**TAC Recommendation:** Approved the preliminary staff recommendations for this category.

## **IVb. Pedestrian Improvements Category**

**TAC Recommendation:** Approved the preliminary staff recommendations for this category.

## **V. Transit Capital Category**

**TAC Recommendation:** Approved the preliminary staff recommendations for this category.

## **VI. Transportation Enhancements Category**

**TAC Recommendation:** Approve the staff funding recommendations for the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) projects, with the condition that the recommended projects must meet the requirements of SB 286 with regards to the Conservation Corps. If any of the recommended projects cannot meet these requirements, then funding will be recommended to unfunded project(s) based on the ranking in the Preliminary Funding Recommendation report (Rainbow report).

**Staff response:** Staff does not concur with the TAC recommendation. SB 286 guidelines are fairly flexible with respect for using the California Conservation Corps. In the unlikely event that projects are found to be ineligible for TEA funds based on SB 286 requirements, we recommend accelerating funding for higher scoring projects in the 2009 Call for Projects so that they can be completed earlier. Any freed-up money would be in later years which would be addressed in the next Call for Projects.