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Amendment to Boost Federal Funding for Transit Security is Adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Stephen Lynch (D-MA) offered an amendment today to the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2007 to increase funding for intercity rail passenger transportation, freight rail, and transit security grants by \$50 million. The Lynch amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 225 to 197. The Homeland Security Appropriations bill initially included only \$150 million for such grants – with that figure now having been increased to \$200 million as a result of the Lynch Amendment. The amendment included an offset to reduce administrative funds available to the Department of Homeland Security by \$50 million. The Lynch amendment was one of only a few Democratic amendments adopted during consideration of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

Media Attending Today's Metro Board Meeting

The Los Angeles Times, Daily News, City News Service, KFWB radio and La Opinion attended today's Board meeting. Stories are expected to run on the Board's adoption of the FY07 budget and the direction to come back to the Board within 30 days to consider at least \$10 million in new budget cuts as well as explore ways of generating additional revenue to offset a \$110 million structural deficit. Media Relations distributed a news release following today's Board action.

BRU News Conference On Consent Decree

The Bus Riders Union this morning held a news conference before the start of the Board meeting claiming that Metro has not fulfilled its obligations under the federal consent decree. The BRU announced that yesterday they filed a motion with U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter to extend it until 2011. Metro Media

Relations staff responded to their claims by maintaining that Metro is in compliance with the decree and has spent \$1 billion since 1996 to bring Metro in compliance with the consent decree. KTTV, KFWB, the LA Times and Daily News attended the news conference this morning and are expected to run stories.

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