

**RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL LETTER
NEW STARTS FUNDING**

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We welcome the dialogue that is taking place with our Congressional Delegation as we come together for the good of the region and put our best projects forward to receive New Starts funding.

We agree that it is imperative that we have a robust, long-term federal strategy that brings as much federal funding for LA County's transportation needs as possible. That is why I am in Washington D.C., now, along with our CEO Art Leahy, working with our Congressional Delegation to ensure that we remain united and work together to find ways to fund all of the important projects needed in Los Angeles County.

Our region cannot afford to lose federal funding to other parts of the state and nation. We were pleased that the Metro Board of Directors united in moving both the Regional Connector Transit Corridor project and the Westside Subway Extension forward in an attempt to get our fair share of New Starts funding.