



Metro New Starts Plan

Los Angeles Metro Action Plan
for New Starts Funds in 2010

Westside Subway Extension/ Regional Connector

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Jobs/Stimulus II Legislation

Issue: Congress may enact in early 2010, legislation focused on jobs creation and providing immediate stimulus to the economy. The House passed legislation in December of 2009, allocating funds for highway (\$27.5 billion) and transit (\$8.4 billion) infrastructure. Up to 100 percent of federal funds could be allocated for projects. The Senate may take up bill in January/February.

Action Plan: Increase funds available for discretionary capital. Specific amendments required for a Preliminary Engineering (PE) set aside.

Key Decision-Makers: Senate: Harry Reid, Dick Durbin, Daniel Inouye, Patty Murray, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; House of Representatives: Nancy Pelosi, David Obey, John Olver and the entire Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation; Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement

President's Budget For FY 2011

Issue: President Obama will issue his budget for FY 2011 early next year. We are seeking to have PE funds in the amount of \$77 million included in next year's budget for both the Westside Extension and the Regional Connector.

Action Plan: Submit a formal request to the Obama Administration for PE funds in the amount of \$77 million to be included in the President's Budget for FY 2011 for both the Westside Extension and Regional Connector.

Metro's CEO formally submitted this request, in writing, on December 1, 2009.

Key Decision-Makers: U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood; Federal Transit Administration Administrator Peter Rogoff; Office of Management and Budget Director Peter Orzag; Senate: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; House of Representatives: Diane Watson, Henry Waxman and the entire Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation; Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement

Appropriations for Transportation FY 2011

Issue: Consideration of the FY 2011 Appropriations Bill will commence in early February. Delays in Authorization of SAFETEA-LU will allow for arguments to be made for greater policy and program changes in appropriations bill.

Action Plan: Seek to have appropriators include \$77 million in PE funding for the Westside Extension and Regional Connector.

Restore National Infrastructure Bank Funding or similar mechanism for moving loans and grants through State Infrastructure Banks and/or directly to metropolitan areas.

Key Decision-Makers: Senate: Patty Murray, Christopher Bond, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; House of Representatives: David Obey, John Olver, Jerry Lewis, Tom Latham, Lucille Roybal-Allard and the entire Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation; Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement

Authorization of SAFETEA-LU

Issue: Congress will likely enact a short term extension of SAFETEA-LU in January/February, perhaps as little as one year or less (long enough to carry it thru the elections in November). Immediately after the extension is completed, the committees of jurisdiction will turn their attention to drafting the longer-term bill. Policy and programmatic changes will be considered during this period.

Action Plan: Work with our U.S. Senators and House leaders to ensure that both the Westside Extension and Regional Connector are authorized in any short or long-term surface transportation authorization legislation.

Key Decision-Makers: Senate: Barbara Boxer, Chris Dodd and Dick Durbin; House of Representatives: James Oberstar, Peter DeFazio, John Mica, John Duncan and the entire Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation; Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement



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