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The Honorable Kevin De León
California Senate President Pro Tem
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toni Atkins
California Assembly Speaker
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUPPORT GOVERNOR BROWN'S TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL

Dear Senate President Pro Tem De León and Speaker Atkins;

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors would like to express its support for many of the funding proposals included in Governor Brown's special session transportation funding proposal.

The Board of Directors voted to support Senator Beall's proposal SB 16 and supports the proposals that have been introduced in the First Extraordinary Session. Governor Brown's proposal includes many elements of those proposals plus other elements that are supported by the Board. We recognize that the Legislature has not fully vetted this proposal and that there are many proposals that have been issued to address the need for funding in the First Extraordinary Session. The Board of Directors has also voted to support increasing the gas tax to support transportation needs as well as increasing the amount of cap and trade funds allocated to public transit.

Metro would like to thank Governor Brown and Legislative leaders for addressing these issues. We would like to express its support and comments specifically for the following elements:

- Commitment of \$400 million in cap and trade funds for public transit. We do believe this should be an ongoing allocation and should be split between the two public transit categories in the Cap and Trade Program.
- Allocation of \$200 million annually for Trade Corridors.
- Allocation of \$250 million annually for a Local Partnership Program.
- Acceleration of repayment of previous transportation loans. Recent bill language however could mean that previous projects, which are currently in development, may not be eligible for the statutorily required amounts. We urge the Legislature to ensure that these projects remain eligible.
- Extension of the authorization for public private partnerships.
- Funding for highway and local street and road repair purposes.
- Inclusion of funding for complete streets.

As the Legislature considers the full set of funding proposals, we urge the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation to support the aforementioned elements, consistent with the Governor's proposal and to refine the proposal to ensure that Los Angeles County will be able to address its mobility needs.

We would like to thank the members of our delegation for their support of transportation funding and for considering the mobility needs of the 10 million people who live in Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Metro Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor