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Dear

Our Draft 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has demonstrated that we do not have sufficient resources to build, maintain and operate the transportation network necessary to provide adequate mobility for a growing Los Angeles County. As such, our Board is considering a range of options to bring in more transportation dollars to this County. Last week, at its April Meeting, our Board asked me to get your input regarding projects and programs that might be included in a ½ cent transportation sales tax ballot measure.

The Metro Board directed that we come back in June 2008 with a recommended package of projects and programs for a potential sales tax ballot measure. At that meeting, the Board expects to decide whether or not to put a sales tax measure on the November 2008 election. The Board asked us to consider projects from our Draft 2008 LRTP high priority Strategic Plan and our Trade Corridors Improvement Fund unfunded list. We have attached both lists for your consideration. In addition to these projects, other programs that are needed in this County to improve mobility and that are likely to be popular to voters include transit operation and capital, Metrolink expansion, local return to cities for street and signal improvements and maintenance, freeway soundwalls, freeway operational improvements, and other programs.

In order to meet the Board's June deadline to consider the sales tax proposal, we need to mail out our Board Report by early June. Please send any input that you would like us to consider and/or transmit to the Board by June 6, 2008, if at all possible. You may provide your input in writing or e-mail Metrovision@metro.net. Please call Carol Inge, Chief Planning Officer, at (213) 922-3056 if you or your COG would like a presentation on this issue.

Sincerely,

Roger Snoble
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

Draft 2008 LRTP High Priority (Tier 1) Strategic Plan Transit Projects

Tier 1: Currently Under Planning Study or Environmentally Cleared
Regional Connector
Metro Subway Westside Extension to La Cienega
Harbor Subdivision Alternate Rail Technology (ART) between LA Union Station and Metro Green Line Aviation Station
Metro Subway Westside Extension from La Cienega to City of Santa Monica
Burbank/Glendale Light Rail from LA Union Station to Burbank Metrolink Station
Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension from Atlantic/Pomona Station to City of Whittier
Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension from Sierra Madre Villa Station to Azusa
Metro Green Line Extension from Redondo Beach Station to South Bay Galleria
Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension from Sierra Madre Villa Station to Montclair
Metro Green Line Extension between Norwalk Station and Norwalk Metrolink Station
Metro Green Line Extension to LAX
West Santa Ana Branch ROW Corridor Maglev between LA Union Station and Santa Ana Metrolink Station (Capital and operating costs to be funded by others)

**Draft 2008 LRTP High Priority (Tier 1) Strategic Plan
(Highway Projects)**

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SR-710 Gap Closure (Assumes partial funding by fees, public/private partnerships or tolls)
Freeway Operational Improvements
US-101 Corridor: Add Carpool Lane in each direction between SR-27 (Topanga Cyn. Blvd.) and SR-2 in Downtown Los Angeles and restripe for Mixed Flow lane in each direction between SR-27 and Ventura County Line
US-101: Add Carpool Lane in each direction between SR-27 and the Ventura County Line (This would be in addition to the mixed flow lane proposed in the project above)
I-5 Carpool & Mixed Flow Lanes: I-605 to I-710
I-5 HOV and Truck Lane Improvements: SR-14 to Kern County Line (Assumes partial funding by fees, public/private partnerships or tolls)
I-710 South (Assumes partial funding by fees, public/private partnerships or tolls)
SR-14: I-5 to Kern County Line (Carpool and mixed flow improvements)
SR-138: I-5 to SR-14 (Add 2 mixed flow lanes in each direction)
SR-138: Pearblossom Hwy to San Bernardino County Line: Widen to 4 lanes
High Desert Corridor (Assumes partial funding by fees, public/private partnerships or tolls)
Additional Soundwalls Beyond Funded Plan

Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Project Requests

Tier 2 (Unfunded) Los Angeles County

Project Sponsor	Project Title
Alameda Corridor East	Nogales Grade Separation
Port of Los Angeles	SR47 On-Ramp & Off-Ramp at Front Street
Metro	I-5 Truck Lane, Calgrove to SR14
Port of Los Angeles	Navy Way Connector to Westbound Seaside Avenue
Port of Long Beach	Ports Rail Program – Phase 2