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Senator Alan Lowenthal Introduces Bond Implementation Legislation

Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), Chairman of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee introduced two measures yesterday which outline the State Legislature's intent to develop criteria for allocating goods movement funding from Proposition 1B. The proposition (adopted by voters last month) provides \$2 billion for the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and \$1 billion for emissions reduction projects. That said, [Senate Bill 9](#) is intended to address the manner in which \$2 billion provided in Proposition 1B is allocated for goods movement projects. [Senate Bill 19](#) outlines the intent of the Legislature to establish conditions and criteria for emissions reduction projects related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. Metro staff will be working closely with the California Legislature to ensure that all transportation bond-related measures provide funds in a manner that is commensurate with Los Angeles County's mobility problems.

Part-Time Operator Usage

In May of this year, the leadership of the United Transportation Union (UTU) agreed to allow Metro to use part-time operators as a temporary approach to help offset the negative impacts of the current operator shortage. Specifically, Metro and UTU agreed to allow part-time operators to work more hours (on a voluntary basis) until the June 24th "Shake-Up." In July, this policy was extended through the December 2006 Shake-Up at the agreement of both parties. As reported [last month](#), Metro received official notice from the UTU that this agreement would end in December.

I am pleased to inform you that Carolyn Flowers was instrumental in securing an agreement with UTU to continue Metro's use of part-time operators. In fact, a [Letter of Reaffirmation](#) was signed by both parties on November 30th to overturn UTU's earlier decision to terminate usage with the December Shake-Up and to continue the use of part-time operators on an indefinite basis. The Letter also contains language allowing for a future termination of this approach by either party with 30-days' notice.

Of Note

On this date in 1982, the new Division 8 in Chatsworth opened. West Valley bus operations were moved there from the former Division 8 location at 14557 Sherman Way in Van Nuys.



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