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## ADOPTED STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN EARMARKS \$1.2 BILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COUNTYWIDE

### Funds for Pasadena Blue Line and Route 30 included

The California Transportation Commission today approved \$1.2 billion in projects for Los Angeles County as part of the 1996 State Transportation Improvement Program.

"We are very pleased with the actions taken by the California Transportation Commission today," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA chief executive officer. "The CTC approvals strengthen the local state partnership needed to build highway improvements and urban rail projects."

The state action includes \$50 million for the Pasadena Blue Line and \$45.5 million to complete the Los Angeles County portion of Route 30, which will extend the 8-lane 210 Freeway east from the Foothill Boulevard/Baseline Road intersection to the San Bernardino County line.

Other projects funded include:

- \$68.8 million to build direct freeway-to-freeway High Occupancy Vehicle lane connectors through the 57/60 Freeway interchange in Diamond Bar.
- \$62.1 million for construction of interim High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on Interstate 5 from the Orange County Line to Rosecrans Avenue near the City of Norwalk. These HOV lanes are critically needed to provide an efficient transition to traffic between Orange and Los Angeles counties.

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