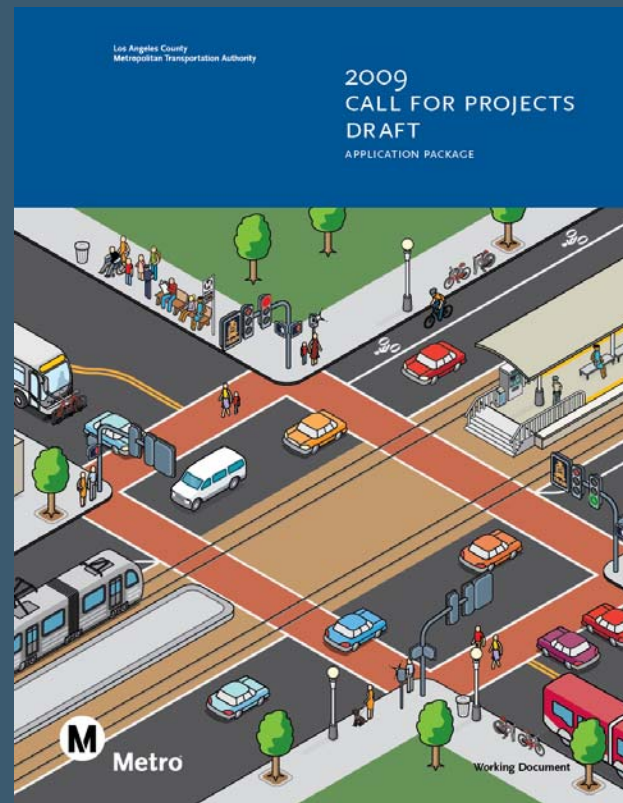




# 2009 Call for Projects MTA Board Staff Briefing

August 5, 2009



# Today's Board Staff Briefing

- Overview
- Present Staff & TAC preliminary recommendations, staff response to TAC recommendations on project rankings and funding
- Obtain Input/Questions

# Overview

- January 2009 – Application package released
  - Developed in consultation with TAC
  - Approved by Board in February 2009
  - Performance-based
- April 2009 – Received 307 applications requesting \$2.2 billion
- June 2009 – Preliminary funding marks approved by Board
  - \$330 million available over next five years
- July 2009 – Board action to re-program \$7.22 million in deobligated funds from prior Calls to 2009 Call
- July 2009 – Preliminary recommendations to fund 133 projects totaling \$337.6 million

# Evaluation Criteria

- Regional Significance & Intermodal Integration
- Project Need & Benefit to the Transportation System
- Local Match
- Cost Effectiveness
- Land Use & Environmental Compatibility/  
Sustainability

# Modal Funding Marks

Modal Category	Preliminary Funding Mark	Amount Recommended
Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI)	\$132,000,000	\$141,047,550
Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements	\$79,000,000	\$71,296,685
Transportation Demand Management	\$23,000,000	\$14,475,294
Bikeway Improvements	\$27,000,000	\$26,304,165
Pedestrian Improvements	\$26,000,000	\$36,440,209
Transit Capital	\$36,000,000	\$37,498,241
Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA)	\$7,000,000	\$10,489,032
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$330,000,000</b>	<b>\$337,551,176</b>
<b>Funds deobligated from Prior Calls</b>	<b>\$7,220,000</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$337,220,000</b>	<b>\$337,551,176</b>

In escalated dollars



# Modal Mark Refinements

- Minor adjustments to the Board-adopted modal marks to ensure that the best and highest-performing projects are recommended
  - \$7.7M moved from Signal Synch to RSTI
  - \$8.5M moved from TDM and Bikes to Ped, TEA, and Transit Capital modes
  - Additional \$7.2M deobligated from prior Calls to Ped, TEA, and Transit Capital modes
- Consistent with actions from prior Calls

# Summary of Preliminary Recommendations

Modal Category	Number of Applications		Inflated Total Project Expenses	Inflated Total Project Requests	Inflated Amount Recommended
	Scored	Funded			
Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI)	75	27	\$4,374,415,949	\$1,912,732,491	\$141,047,550
Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements	19	18	\$119,694,033	\$95,156,442	\$71,296,685
Transportation Demand Management	31	18	\$41,909,023	\$31,314,930	\$14,475,294
Bikeway Improvements	26	14	\$92,687,861	\$65,693,554	\$26,304,165
Pedestrian Improvements	61	23	\$146,992,957	\$104,000,807	\$36,440,209
Transit Capital	44	18	\$272,896,050	\$174,464,791	\$37,498,241
Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA)	47	15	\$101,360,263	\$73,771,606	\$10,489,032
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>\$5,149,956,136</b>	<b>\$2,457,134,621</b>	<b>\$337,551,176</b>

# TAC Review and Input

- Considered staff's preliminary recommendations
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - Held one-day appeals process
  - 18 project appeals from 10 agencies
  - TAC recommendations for each category
- Concurred with staff's preliminary recommendations on all modal categories, except Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI) & Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA)



# Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI) Mode

## TAC Recommendation

- Exchange Balboa BI Widening at Devonshire St (F3172) with Foothill BI and Sierra Hwy Intersection Improvement (F3144) (both City of Los Angeles projects)
  - F3172 recommended with funding of \$1,209,132 and scored 72 points
  - Swap with F3144
  - Staff will not rescore the project

## Staff response

- Staff does not concur
  - Call for Projects evaluation process bases funding recommendations on the evaluation criteria scores
  - Not recommending a swap for a lower-scoring project

# Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Mode

## TAC Recommendation

- Recommended projects must meet the requirements of SB286 for Conservation Corps
  - If not met, funding will be recommended to unfunded project(s) based on the existing ranking

## Staff response

- Staff does not concur
  - SB286 guidelines are flexible regarding the Conservation Corps
  - If projects are found to be ineligible based on SB286 requirements, recommend accelerating funding for higher-scoring projects in the 2009 Call
  - Any freed-up money would be in later years and addressed in the next Call for Projects

# Technical Corrections

## RSTI – Technical Scoring Correction

Hawthorne BI Mobility Improvement Project –  
Hawthorne (F3109)

The score under the local match section should be 8 points instead of 6 points bringing the total score of the project to 75 points.

## Bikeway – Technical Funding Correction

South Baldwin Park Commuter Bikeway Project –  
Baldwin Park (F3507)

Preliminary staff funding recommendation was more than the actual request. Staff intended to fund the project for \$483,728.

# Technical Corrections (Cont.)

## Transit Capital – Technical Funding Correction

Three alternative fuel buses for service expansion –  
Gardena (F3405)

Staff inadvertently omitted a minor increase associated with escalation rates. Recommended funding should be \$1,659,343.

## Transit Capital – Technical Funding Correction

Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs/MetroLink Pedestrian Plaza  
Upgrade – Norwalk (F3443)

Staff inadvertently omitted a minor increase associated with escalation rates. Recommended funding should be \$116,407.

# Next Steps

- TAC Review of final Call for Projects Funding Recommendations
- Final Board Action – September 24, 2009
- Workshop for Successful Applicants – October 2009
- SCAG Approves Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Fall 2009
- Caltrans Approves Regional TIP – Winter 2010
- CTC State TIP – Spring 2010
- US DOT Approves Federal TIP – Fall 2010