

MOTION BY DIRECTORS KNABE and PROO
MTA Planning and Programming Committee-January 14, 2004

Amend the MTA's preliminary comments on SCAG's Draft 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in its communiqué dated January 22, 2004 to Mark Pisano, Executive Director of SCAG, regarding the Desmond Bridge, page 2, number 8 to read as follows; and submit amendments to SCAG prior to the ending of the public comment period of February 9, 2004:

8. The RTP must commit to fully funding all MTA priorities identified in the LRTP and SRTP before funding non-MTA priorities in Los Angeles County. For example, the Gerald Desmond bridge replacement is listed in the RTP as a baseline, funded project. Although this project is in the FTIP and RTIP for preliminary engineering (funded with federal discretionary funds), it has not been programmed in the TIP or included in the MTA's LRTP for construction, we, therefore, request that this project be considered as part of:
 - 1) the RTP Constrained Plan (with funding from new or innovative sources that do not impact LRTP funds or project commitments); or
 - 2) the RTP Unconstrained Plan so that this project can be further considered in the regional planning process as new or innovative funding mechanisms are identified.