

Knabe/Lowenthal/Roberts  
BOARD MOTION FOR  
CONTINUANCE OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OPERATORS  
SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in April 2001, MTA established the ongoing Municipal Operator Service Improvement Program (MOSIP), the purpose of which was to improve service to the transit dependent countywide by reducing overcrowding and expanding service, and

WHEREAS, the Board originally funded the program for five years through FY 06, and therefore, the program needs to be refunded to continue, and

WHEREAS, municipal operators have added thousands of additional service hours or the capital equivalent to provide service to the transit dependent, expand service, and reduce overcrowding, and

WHEREAS, the MOSIP program is funded with Prop C 40% funds which by statutory definition “will be used to improve and expand rail and bus transit County-wide” and

WHEREAS, reductions in other transit subsidies to municipal operators, rising fuel prices, insurance increases, healthcare and workers compensation costs have placed severe limitations on the ability of operators to maintain their existing service, and in some cases requiring reductions,. If MOSIP funding is eliminated and the service it funds discontinued, thousands of County transit riders will be negatively impacted and left with limited transit options,

WHEREAS, the Metro is dependent upon its partners, the municipal operators of Los Angeles County, to bridge transit needs resulting from the implementation of the Metro Connection’s Service Delivery Plan and is dependent upon these partners to provide bus service to non-Metro service areas, and there is currently no impact analysis on the elimination of regional MOSIP service.

NOW THEREFORE, we are hereby directing staff to continue MOSIP funding at the established levels for a period of two years, including an annual 3% increase, and to include MOSIP funding in MTA's ten-year financial forecasts and Long Range Transportation Plan update. During this two-year period, Metro, Sector Representatives and the Municipal Operators shall work on making significant progress in revising the Formula Allocation Process (FAP) to benefit all Los Angeles County transit operations.