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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING STATUS

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file this report on the status of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds for projects in Los Angeles County, as summarized in the chart provided in Attachment A.

ISSUE

The Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 earmarked \$1.744 billion in state funding for 28 specific congestion relief projects in Los Angeles County. The Board of Directors has requested a status report on the TCRP funds earmarked and allocated to Los Angeles County projects.

DISCUSSION

As of September 2006, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$788.0 million in TCRP funds to Los Angeles County projects and \$116.5 million of TCRP Letters of No Prejudice (LONPs) reimbursements, for total TCRP allocations of \$904.5 million. The CTC still needs to allocate \$839.6 million in remaining TCRP funding for Los Angeles County projects, of which unallocated LONPs for Metro comprise \$345 million.

BACKGROUND

Due to state budget deficits, the CTC suspended TCRP project allocations in late 2002. To allow projects to continue to move forward, the CTC approved LONPs totaling \$694 million statewide, of which \$461.5 million was for Los Angeles County. These LONPs allowed Metro and other Los Angeles County agencies to expend their own funds for certain TCRP projects and be reimbursed later when sufficient TCRP funds became available. To date, Metro has received TCRP LONP reimbursements of \$98 million for the Metro Orange Line and \$14 million for Phase I of the Exposition Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project.

In March 2006, the CTC resumed allocations to TCRP projects. According to their policies, the CTC first allocates funds for project construction and then allocates LONP reimbursements based on available funds. Once LONP project construction is complete and open to the public, LONP reimbursements move to the top of the CTC's allocation priorities, ahead of new construction.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 State Budget provides \$1.088 billion statewide for TCRP project allocations. Using CTC policies described above, Caltrans estimates that \$31 million would be for reimbursements of LONPs for completed projects and \$1.057 billion for allocations to projects ready for construction. In June 2006, Caltrans indicated that Los Angeles County projects may expect to receive \$158.3 million from this budgeted state funding, of which \$60.5 million has already been allocated and \$97.8 million has not yet been allocated. A new report that will update these FY 2007 figures is due from Caltrans shortly. Staff will provide the updated information when this report is presented to the Planning and Programming Committee in January 2007.

NEXT STEPS

We will continue to monitor and pursue allocations for the \$839.6 million in remaining unallocated TCRP funds for Los Angeles County projects, as soon as projects are eligible. Of this \$839.6 million, \$345.0 million is for TCRP LONPs for Metro. From the \$345.0 million, we expect to request LONP allocations of \$16.7 million for Phase I of the Exposition LRT Project and \$150 million for the Bus Acquisition Program in FY 2008 and \$166.9 million for the Eastside LRT Project in FY 2009.

ATTACHMENT

A. Traffic Congestion Relief Program Balances

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Traffic Congestion Relief Program Balances (\$000s)

| Agency | TCRP Proj # | Project Name | TCRP Funding | Allocated as of 9/06 | LONP Reimb Allocated as of 9/06 | Total Allocated | Unallocated TCRP Balance | Metro Unallocated LONP |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Metro | 33 | Bus Transit; Acquire Low-Emission Buses | 150,000 | 0 | | 0 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| PMBLCA | 34 | Pasadena Gold Line; New rail line from Pasadena to Los Angeles | 40,000 | 40,000 | | 40,000 | 0 | |
| Caltrans | 35 | Pacific Surfliner: Triple track intercity rail Los Angeles County | 100,000 | 100,000 | | 100,000 | 0 | |
| Metro | 36 | Eastside Transit; Build new LRT in East LA | 236,000 | 69,086 | | 69,086 | 166,914 | 166,914 |
| Metro | 37.1 | Mid-City/Wilshire BRT; Metro Rapid on Wilshire Blvd. | 6,200 | 6,200 | | 6,200 | 0 | |
| Metro | 37.2 | Mid-City/Exposition LRT; LRT Exposition ROW | 249,800 | 219,100 | 14,000 | 233,100 | 16,700 | 16,700 |
| Metro | 38.1 | San Fernando Valley East-West BRT NH Station to Warner Center | 145,000 | 47,000 | 98,000 | 145,000 | 0 | |
| Metro | 38.2 | San Fernando Valley North-South BRT | 100,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 98,000 | |
| Metro | 39 | I-405: Add NB HOV lane over Sepulveda I-10 to US-101 | 90,000 | 15,000 | | 15,000 | 75,000 | |
| Caltrans/ Metro | 40 | Rte 10: Add HOV lanes I- 605 to SR-57 | 90,000 | 28,149 | | 28,149 | 61,851 | |
| Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE) | 41 | Rte 5: Add HOV lanes SR-170 to SR-14 - Seg.1 | 50,000 | 43,891 | | 43,891 | 6,109 | |
| Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE) | 42 | Rte 5: 10 lanes (2 HOV + 2 Mixed Flow), OCL to I-605 to I-710 | 125,000 | 6,000 | | 6,000 | 119,000 | |
| Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE) | 43 | Rte 5: Improve Carmenita Road interchange in Norwalk | 71,000 | 290 | | 290 | 70,710 | |
| LB Port | 44 | Rte 47: Construct interchange in LB at Ocean Blvd Overpass in LB | 18,400 | 15,674 | 2,726 | 18,400 | 0 | |
| Caltrans | 45 | Rte 710: Complete Gateway Corridor Study, L.A./L.B. Ports to I-5 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 0 | |
| Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE) | 46 | Rte 1 at Rte 107: Rec. intersection at SR-107 in Torrance | 2,000 | 1,284 | | 1,284 | 716 | |
| Caltrans | 48 | Rte 101: Corridor Analysis and PSR SR-170 to SR-23 | 3,000 | 3,000 | | 3,000 | 0 | |
| LA City | 49 | Hollywood Intermodal Transportation Center facility | 10,000 | 2,850 | | 2,850 | 7,150 | |
| Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE) | 50 | Rte 71: from I-10 to I-60 | 30,000 | 4,405 | | 4,405 | 25,595 | |
| Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE) | 51 | Rte 101/405: Add auxiliary lane Interchange in Sherman Oaks | 21,000 | 8,200 | | 8,200 | 12,800 | 1,790 |
| Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE) | 52 | Rte 405: Add HOV from Waterford Ave to I-10 | 25,000 | 0 | | 0 | 25,000 | 9,648 |
| LA City | 53 | ATSAC: Victory/Ventura, Sepulveda Blvd. and SR-118 corridors | 16,000 | 15,500 | 500 | 16,000 | 0 | |
| SGV COG | 54 | Alameda Corridor East: Build grade separations | 150,000 | 146,500 | | 146,500 | 3,500 | |
| West Hollywood | 142 | Santa Monica Blvd: Maintenance and mitigation | 2,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 0 | |
| SCRRA | 145 | Sun Valley: New siding between Sheldon St. & Sunland Blvd. | 6,500 | 6,500 | | 6,500 | 0 | |
| Pasadena Transit | 151 | Pasadena Buses: Purchase 5 alternative fuel buses | 1,100 | 1,100 | | 1,100 | 0 | |
| So Pasadena | 152 | Pasadena Gold Line: Transit-oriented mixed-use development | 1,500 | 808 | 692 | 1,500 | 0 | |
| So Pasadena | 153 | Pasadena Gold Line: Utility relocation | 550 | | 550 | 550 | 0 | |
| Caltrans | 154 | SR-134/I-5: Interchange Study | 100 | 100 | | 100 | 0 | |
| LA City | 158 | Olympic & Lemon St. Signal | 2,000 | 1,405 | | 1,405 | 595 | |
| GRAND TOTALS | | | 1,744,150 | 788,042 | 116,468 | 904,510 | 839,640 | 345,052 |