

Status of Applications for USDOT Urban Partnership Agreement and Funding



Metro

Background

- Announced December 2006
- UPA major component of USDOT's Congestion Initiative

Background (Cont.)

- To demonstrate/ pursue strategies with combined track record of effectiveness in reducing traffic congestion (4 Ts):

Tolling , Transit, Telecommuting & Technology

- Tolling/ congestion pricing emphasized
- UPA application due April 30, 2007

Funding

- UPA has no USDOT funding, but Urban Partners would get priority for future monies
- UPA solicitation followed by other three current funding opportunities:
 - ITS- Operational Testing to Mitigate Congestion (OTMC), \$100 M for FY07-FY09.

Funding (Cont.)

- Value Pricing Pilot (VPP) program, up to \$36 M for FY07-FY09.
- Discretionary Transit Program, up to \$438 M for Bus & Bus Facilities for FY07.

Regional Partners

- Metro leads the UPA application effort
- Several meetings with Caltrans, SCAG, LADOT, LA County, Ports of LA/LB, ACTA, City of Long Beach, Partners for Advanced Transit and Highway (PATH), and PierPass, Inc.
- UPA proposal will include several countywide strategies, including those for which funding will be sought to address the 4Ts.

Regional Partners (Cont.)

- Metro's strategy includes PierPass Off-Peak program and ACTA's container/user fees as our region's implementation of value pricing.

Rationale for Projects Selected

- Projects located along multi-modal corridors and of regional & national significance
- Operational enhancement in mitigating congestion
- Project readiness and delivery schedules (18- 36 months)
- Attachment A of the Board Report includes draft list of projects to be submitted for funding

Proposed Projects- Attachment A

Technology:

- **Integrated Corridor Management (I-10/I-710)**
 - Expand hours of 3+ operations on El Monte Busway
 - Transportation Management Systems
 - System Wide Adaptive Ramp Metering (SWARM)
 - Operational Testing Value
- **Information Sharing & Incident Response**
 - 511 System Improvements
 - Big Rig Service Patrol Expansion
 - FSP Mobile Data Terminal Upgrade

Proposed Projects- Attachment A (cont.)

Transit:

- Improvement to Transit ATMS
- Next Trip Information
- Bus Purchases
- Bus Passenger Terminal Expansions
- Construction of New Bus Facility

Proposed Projects- Attachment A (cont.)

Telecommuting:

- Countywide Telecommuting Program

Tolling/ Congestion Pricing:

- Regional Network Feasibility Study

Next Steps

- Metro will complete/submit applications for UPA, ITS-OTMC, and Bus Discretionary
- SCAG may complete/submit a VPP application
- Letters of support from local, state, federal officials

Next Steps (cont.)

- June 2007 - USDOT to select up to 10 potential Urban Partners
- August 2007 – USDOT to make final selection (up to 5 partners)
- August 2007 - Funding awards for the OTMC and VPP programs
- September 2007 – Funding awards for the Bus & Bus Capital Discretionary program