Motion Directors Najarian, O'Connor and Knabe Measure R Committee April 16, 2009

In November 2008, the voters of Los Angeles County voted overwhelmingly to an additional 1/2 cent sales tax for transportation projects. Notwithstanding the requirements contained in Section 8.a.1, pertaining to an annual audit, cost containment is an inherent obligation upon the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). This includes the monitoring of MTA internal administrative costs to ensure that the ordinance cap of 1.5 percent for administrative oversight is used prudently and appropriately.

We THEREFORE MOVE that all direct and indirect costs charged against Measure R funds, including promotions, transfers and new hires, be presented for review, discussion and approval by the Measure R committee beginning with the next Measure R Committee meeting and quarterly thereafter.

We FURTHER MOVE that 1.5% of Measure R funds be transferred to the cost center of the MTA Measure R task leader responsible and therefore accountable for the disbursement and implementation of Measure R projects and administrative funds.

We FURTHER MOVE that an organization and staffing plan for Measure R from this 1.5% be prepared and submitted to Measure R committee for approval.