

Budget Motion
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The LACMTA is charged with managing the programming and expenditure of state, local, and federal funds for the development of a multi-modal transportation system in Los Angeles County.

The recessionary decline in sales tax revenues is projected to have serious impacts on the agency's ability to fund its core responsibilities in providing mobility to Los Angeles County residents. The continuing deterioration of the State's financial condition and the loss of State operations funding will also severely hamper the agency's ability to maintain system service levels and move forward with new mobility initiatives.

As this Board moves into FY10, we face difficult decisions in maintaining the balance of funding existing service at an affordable price to the consumer and keeping regional mobility improvement projects advancing.

We therefore propose that the FT10 Budget be amended to include the following instructions:

- Direct the CEO to return to the Board in six months with a detailed analysis of and recommendations for "flattening" the organization; with emphasis on realigning the agency with statutory core functions thereby reducing administrative costs and realigning support functions.
- Reforecast sales tax revenue and expenditure targets based on FY09 Actuals to date (9 months) and estimates for year's end and present revenue estimates to the May 20th, Finance and Budget Committee Meeting.
- Direct the CEO to establish a centralized Enterprise Fund manager/management with the authority to approve and manage Enterprise Fund revenues and expenditures charged to that fund.
- Direct the CEO to develop a consistent cost/revenue allocation plan for bus/rail operations using actual hourly rates beginning with the new fiscal year..
- Direct the CEO to review the utilization of all current as-needed positions and return within six months with an analysis and recommendations to eliminate, replace with contract services or where applicable, with interns.
- Direct the CEO to roll back travel/conferences/seminars/periodicals and memberships to FY07-08 budget levels effective July 1, 2009.
- Present a table with the allocation of Prop. A & C administrative costs by the May 20th, Finance and Budget Committee Meeting.