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**MEASURE R PROJECT DELIVERY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17, 2009**

**SUBJECT: STATUS OF MEASURE R BUS OPERATIONS, MUNICIPAL REGIONAL CLEAN FUEL BUS CAPITAL FACILITIES AND ROLLING STOCK AND THE LOCAL RETURN PROGRAM**

**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file status of the development of Measure R Policy and Administrative Guidelines for the 20% Bus Operations Program, the \$150 million Municipal Regional Clean Fuel Bus Capital facilities and Rolling Stock (Bus Capital) and the 15% Local Return Program.

**ISSUE**

This is a report on the progress made on the development of the Measure R Local Return, the Bus Operations and Bus Capital Program Guidelines.

**BACKGROUND**

Measure R is funded by a ½ cent sales tax measure approved by Los Angeles County voters to meet the transportation needs of its residents. The tax measure was approved in November 2008. Collection of the tax begins on July 1, 2009. The funds will be available for distribution around December 2009. Twenty percent of the Measure R tax is designated for Bus Operations, \$150 million to the Regional Clean Fuel Bus Capital Program and fifteen percent of the Measure R tax is designated for the Local Return Program to be used by cities and the county. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is the administrator of the funds.

**Development of the 20% Bus Operations and the \$150 million Bus Capital Program Guidelines:** The policy and administrative guidelines governing the 20% Bus Operations Measure R and the \$150 million Bus Capital Program funds to the transit operators are being developed through the Bus Operations Working Group comprised of thirteen members from the municipal operators of Los Angeles County. All thirteen members volunteered to serve on the working group, see Attachment A. The group has met twice, once in February and another in April. During the February meeting the group went over the draft schedule outline for the Measure R program, see Attachments B & C. Following that meeting and to familiarize members with the Measure R program, electronic versions

of the Traffic Relief and Rail Expansion Ordinance (# 08-01) and Assembly Bill No. 2321 were emailed to all members of the group.

During the April meeting the group discussed the preferred approach to formulating the Measure R program guidelines. In discussions regarding these guidelines with the working group, we agreed that operators would have maximum flexibility in spending these funds within the constraints of the Measure R legislation and Ordinance. The same Working Group is also developing the guidelines for the Bus Capital Program.

Two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) will be developed for Countywide Bus Service Operations, Maintenance, and Expansion and the Bus Capital Program once the Board has approved the guidelines. We will review a preliminary guideline draft with the working group at the next meeting scheduled for June 23, 2009. We expect the final guidelines to be approved by the Board between October and December depending on the progress of our discussions with the working group.

#### The Local Return (LR) Measure R Program Guidelines:

The Local Return Guidelines are also being developed through a working group consisting of LACMTA staff and thirteen members from agencies who represent the Los Angeles County region, see Attachment D. The LR working group was selected from an "Interested Parties" sign-up sheet, distributed at Local Transit Systems Subcommittee, Bus Operations Subcommittee, Streets & Freeways and Technical Advisory Committee meetings, and from volunteers as designated from Area Team Directors and the Executive Officers of Countywide Planning & Development.

The LR working group has conducted two meetings to date, with a third meeting scheduled for mid June. The LR working group Draft Schedule Outline is Attachment E.

The LR working group has reviewed the Measure R Assembly Bill, The Measure R Ordinance, the Measure R Ballot, as well as, Proposition 1B, the California Constitution Article 19, and the Guidelines Relating to Gas Tax Expenditures as they relate to LR Measure R issues. We have outlined some ideas and a preliminary draft of the guidelines. The working group has emphasized that the Guidelines allow maximum flexibility for project eligibility. The preliminary drafts discussed so far include concepts and incentives to encourage cities to coordinate their expenditures across city boundaries to create projects with greater impact. Other options that were discussed included projects that support countywide Measure R rail, bus and highway corridors or the Measure R network to attain maximum mobility for the region.

## NEXT STEPS

The municipal operators and local return working group will continue to work on formulating Measure R Countywide Bus Service Operations, Maintenance, and Expansion, the Clean Fuel Bus Capital and Local Return Program guidelines. We will return to the board as necessary for review and input with final approval expected between October and December of 2009.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Municipal Operators Working Group Members  
Attachment B – Countywide Bus Service Operations, Maintenance and Expansion Outline  
Attachment C – Municipal Operators Clean Fuel Buses Outline  
Attachment D – LR Working Group Members  
Attachment E – Measure R Local Return Outline

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For  
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And  
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Corinne Ralph	Los Angeles Department of Transportation
David Feinberg	City of Santa Monica
Jim Mills	City of Torrance
David Reyno	Foothill Transit
Steve Fox	Metro
Bob Hildebrand	City of Gardena
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Measure R Bus Operations  
(Countywide Bus Service Operations, Maintenance, and Expansion)  
Outline

Actions Required	Date
Establish working group comprised of Bus Operation Subcommittee members	Jan-09
Working group to formulate program objectives, Project eligibility, allocation policies, funding timelines, Administrative requirements, and MOU development	Feb - Jun
Metro staff to review program objectives, Project eligibility, allocation policies, funding timelines, Administrative requirements, and MOU development	July
Working group reviews changes based on Metro Staff input  Bus Operations Subcommittee reviews Program objectives, project eligibility, allocation policies, Funding timelines, administrative requirements, And MOU development  Metro management review  BOS/GM adopt changes  Metro management approve final document	August/December
Request MTA Board approval	December or sooner

Note: Funds expected to be available December 2009.

## Measure R Metro and Municipal Clean Fuel Bus Program

## Outline

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Metro staff to review program objectives, Project eligibility, allocation policies, funding timelines, Administrative requirements, and MOU development	July
Working group reviews changes based on Metro Staff input  Bus Operations Subcommittee reviews draft guidelines.  Metro management review of final guidelines.  Metro Board approval	July  TBD - as quickly as agreement on guidelines can be reached  December or sooner.

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## Measure R Local Return Working Group

Area Rep.	Name	Agency Organization
North County	Nicole Rizzo	City of Lancaster
North County	Susan Lipman	City of Santa Clarita
SGV	Alex Gonzalez	City of Covina
South Bay	Wendell Johnson	City of Lomita
LA County	Paul Maselbas	LA County
Westside	Joyce Rooney	City of West Hollywood
Westside	Andrew Brozyna	City of Calabasas
San Fernando	Fred Zohrehvand	City of Glendale
San Fernando	David Kriske	City of Burbank
Gateway	Sumire Gant	City of Long Beach
Gateway	Mohammed Mostahkami	City of South Gate
Central	Jim Lefton	LADOT
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**Measure R Local Return  
Schedule Outline**

Actions Required	Date
Provide Measure R information to TAC, BOS, LTSS and Streets & Freeway Committees Request volunteers from these Committees to Serve on a working group	Jan-09
Announce working group members and timelines at TAC, BOS, LTSS, Streets & Fwy	April
Meet with Working Group to Present preliminary guideline working draft guidelines And receive input	May/ June
Outreach to receive input from: Meet with Council of Governments; Central Area, Gateway, San Gabriel Valley COG, San Fernando COG South Bay, Westside, North County Las Virgenes/Malibu, Arroyo Verdugo Transp. Sub. Public Works Committee, Transportation Committee	June
Present Draft Guidelines to Working Group	June
Draft Guidelines to Committees, Subcommittees, TAC, BOS, LTSS, Streets & Fwy TDM Subcommittee & COGS  Prepare and present revisions to Draft Guidelines As necessary to reach general agreement on a final draft  Present final Draft Guidelines to Working Group  LACMTA Internal Staff & Management review  Request LACMTA Board Approval	July   TBD - as quickly as Agreement on guidelines Can be reached     December or sooner
<b>Meeting Dates for Committees</b>	
Technical Advisory Committee	2nd Wednesday of Month
Bus Operations Subcommittee	3rd Tuesday of Month
Local Transportation Systems Subcommittee	Last Thursday of Month
Streets and Freeways Subcommittee	3rd Thursday of Month

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