



# 2010 State Legislative Program

## Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The voters of Los Angeles County chose for a sustainable future with the passage of Measure R, and Metro's Board of Directors also has unanimously approved a Long Range Transportation Plan. Together, these actions lead the way to a sustainable future for Los Angeles County.

The State has now implemented landmark legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the passage of AB 32 and SB 375. At the same time, chronic State Budget deficits and the continued use of transportation funds to solve State Budget deficits keep us from meeting those goals. Metro now has a significant operating deficit that may force fare increases and service cuts. Metro would like to partner with the State Legislature to reconcile these conflicting policies and bring stability to state transportation funding.



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## Goal 1

### Minimize impacts of the expected State Budget deficit on transportation funding

- > Vigorously oppose the continued use of transportation funds to balance the State Budget
- > Communicate the message that continued use of transportation funds to balance the State Budget adversely impacts our long-term ability to improve mobility in Los Angeles County
- > Pursue opportunities to seek repayment of any transportation funds used to offset the State Budget deficit, including as part of the California Transit Association (CTA) lawsuit negotiations
- > Explore legislative protections for all Public Transportation Account revenues
- > Protect Proposition 42 from suspension by the Governor and Legislature



## Goal 2

### Pursue legislative initiatives aimed at increasing funding for Los Angeles County transportation projects

- > These measures include but are not limited to work with statewide partners on any efforts to implement a pollution fee relating to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- > Work with state and regional partners to support container fee legislation
- > Oppose any legislation that would redirect local fees or funds to other jurisdictions in the State, such as container fees imposed by the San Pedro Bay ports, or greenhouse gas fees
- > Support legislation that would enhance opportunities for Infrastructure Financing Districts



## Goal 3

### Work to ensure implementation of Metro's Board-adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- > Pursue strategies and funding opportunities to implement the Highway Program in the LRTP
- > Work to secure additional funds through the STIP, SHOPP and bond funds
- > Pursue Public Private Partnerships and Design-Build opportunities for the highway portion of the LRTP



## Goal 4

### Support efforts to improve safety on the region's commuter rail system

- > Advocate for additional state funding to increase the safety of the commuter rail system in Los Angeles County and the entire Metrolink service area
- > Support additional funding for enhanced commuter rail safety, especially for automatic train stop/positive train control systems, grade separations, and double tracking single track portions of Metrolink's service area
- > Support legislation requiring the railroad industry to implement enhanced safety measures on the nation's commuter rail and freight network
- > Support actions by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) which would allow or approve implementation of automatic train control systems

## Goal 5

### Maximize opportunities for funding Los Angeles County's transportation projects and programs through implementation of propositions 1B and 1C

- > Work with Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to ensure that Proposition 1B funds flow to Metro projects
- > Work with the Los Angeles County Delegation to ensure that bond implementation legislation allocates a fair share of funding to Los Angeles County
- > Support projects submitted through the CTC
- > Support full allocation of Propositions 1B and 1C in future budget actions



## Goal 6

### Coordinate with our local and state partners to incorporate the region's needs in emerging climate change and sustainability programs

- > Monitor implementation of AB 32 and SB 375
- > Advocate for the connection between transit operations funding, SB 375 and other state global warming policies
- > Support initiatives that promote transportation demand management and other greenhouse gas reduction strategies
- > Support efforts to encourage smart growth and transit-oriented developments
- > Support legislative efforts to include environmentally-sensitive and clean-air programs in our region, particularly with regards to regional transit planning efforts
- > Support new initiatives that encourage the use of advanced, environmentally-friendly technologies in new transit facility development, such as upgrading existing facilities with solar power and building new facilities to high environmental and clean-air standards



## Goal 7

### Actively work with state, regional and local transportation interests to secure, protect and enhance transportation funding and programs statewide

- > Work with the Schwarzenegger Administration to preserve and increase flexibility in the use of transportation funds
- > Identify and pursue opportunities for additional funding for Southern California transportation projects
- > Support efforts to secure funding and/or obtain authority to generate additional funding for bus transit capital, operations, security needs, corridor projects, soundwalls, Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE), Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), and other important transportation projects and programs
- > Work cooperatively with other transit agencies throughout the State, including the CTA, to secure and increase funds for transportation services, projects and programs
- > Work with the Schwarzenegger Administration, the Legislature and other transit agencies on any workers' compensation reform efforts to ensure that administrative reforms and cost-saving measures are included in such proposals
- > Support efforts to secure new funding for regional rideshare services
- > Identify and pursue opportunities for funding and to enhance authority where necessary to improve security and safety for customers, employees and property







## Goal 8

### Support legislative and regulatory actions that enhance the ability to deliver transportation projects and services in Los Angeles County

- > Support efforts to clarify the oversight responsibilities of the PUC with respect to rail transit and improve the administration of PUC regulations.
- > Support efforts to broaden the use of design-build and public-private partnerships
- > Work with the Administration, CTC and Caltrans to advocate for correction of Northern and Southern California transportation funding inequities through legislative proposals introduced in the Legislature and through administrative actions at the CTC
- > Explore legislation authorizing the use of design-build on soundwall projects in Los Angeles County
- > Oppose legislation that would seek to restructure the Metro Board of Directors
- > Oppose legislation that would preempt collective bargaining, impose benefits in collective bargaining agreements or restrict the rights of local agencies in the collective bargaining process
- > Preserve our authority in regional transportation funding decisions, including those granted through SB 45
- > Sponsor legislation that creates efficiencies and streamlines administrative processes, such as procurement and environmental regulations
- > Pursue legislation to implement a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) program on competitively bid contracts



## Goal 9

### Support efforts to implement High-Speed Rail (HSR) in Los Angeles County

- > Ensure timely implementation of Proposition 1A
- > Support actions necessary to construct the Los Angeles-to-Anaheim segment
- > Maximize HSR funding opportunities

*Our state legislative program will be “shaped” by the continuing State Budget deficits and will be oriented towards protecting existing local resources and to create new sources of funding for a sustainable transportation system.*

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