

## Senate Joins House in Approving Funding for MTA Construction, Bus, Other Projects

### UPDATE

(October 4) The Senate today concurred with an earlier vote by the House in approving the FY 2000 federal transportation appropriations spending bill. The bill now goes to President Clinton.

The bill, HR-2084, earmarks \$59 million for MTA transportation projects. In various provisions, the bill provides:

**\$50 million** to complete construction of the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Extension;

**\$4 million** for preliminary engineering, design and environmental work for future fixed guideway projects in the East Side and Mid-City corridors;

**\$3 million** for bus and bus-related purchases to assist the MTA in complying with the Consent Decree and to implement the Accelerated Bus Procurement Plan;

**\$1 million** for Intelligent Transportation Systems projects; and

**\$1 million** for job access and reverse commute grants.

In addition, Foothill Transit received \$1.75 million for buses and the Municipal Operators Coalition received \$2.5 million. Metrolink received \$1.25 million for the Gateway Transit Center.

The House version of the HR-2084 originally had recommended a total of \$64.5 million for the MTA, but the conference committee cut \$4 million from funds for bus purchases, \$1 million from design and environmental work for Mid-Cities and East LA corridor projects and \$800,000 from intelligent transportation system projects.

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