President signs FY 2000 Transportation Bill Giving \$59 Mill. for MTA Construction, Bus, Other Projects

UPDATE

(October 12) President Clinton has signed the FY 2000 federal transportation appropriations spending bill, a measure that 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.

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