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U.S. House, Senate Vote \$62 Million for Metro Rail, Bus Projects

(Nov. 23, 2004) Both houses of Congress passed a spending bill, Nov. 20, that includes more than \$62 million for the Eastside Light Rail Project and two other Metro rail and bus projects.

President Bush is expected to sign the \$388 billion federal appropriations bill for FY 2005 into law soon. The bill provides:

- \$60 million for the Eastside light rail project
- \$675,103 for the final federal installment on the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Extension, and
- \$2,000,000 for Metro Bus acquisitions.

However, because of a provision added by House and Senate leaders to make room for last-minute spending increases for NASA, education and veterans' healthcare programs, those sums will be reduced by 8/10ths of a percent.