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At a City Hall news conference Wednesday, Metro CEO Roger Snoble called for restoration of Proposition 42 funding to continue critical highway and transit projects.



## Los Angeles Leaders urge Sacramento to Restore L.A.'s Transportation Funding

(June 16, 2005) At a news conference June 15, L.A. City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, CEO Roger Snoble, and local business and labor leaders urged state legislators to institute permanent protections for Prop. 42 gasoline tax revenues to ensure the future funding of key transportation projects.

"Very few problems affect the quality of life of Los Angeles' residents more than traffic congestion," said Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.

"Los Angeles' leaders are urging Sacramento to restore the transportation funding that keeps business, job creation and communities moving forward," said Greuel. "We are counting on Sacramento to do the right thing and restore Proposition 42 transportation funding this year, and in future years, so we can get Los Angeles moving again."

Metro CEO Roger Snoble said full funding of Proposition 42 in the next state budget would provide approximately \$300 million in additional transportation revenues for Los Angeles County. While encouraged that legislators appear ready to restore Proposition 42 funds, Snoble urged continued efforts to secure the more than \$20 billion in funding necessary to meet the county's mobility challenges.

Councilwoman Greuel and CEO Snoble were joined by Rusty Hammer of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce; David Fleming of the Valley Industry and Commercial Association; Bill Luddy of the of the Carpenters and Joiners of America union; representatives of the Building and Construction Trades Council and SEIU Local 347; Wayne Tanda of the city's Department of Transportation; and Bill Robertson of

the city's Bureau of Street Services.

Proposition 42, passed by the voters on March 5, 2002 by 69 percent of the voters, amended the California Constitution to require the sales tax on gasoline to be used annually for state and local transportation purposes. These funds, which were previously allocated to the state's General Fund for any state program, were designated specifically to improve road safety, fund mass transit and reduce traffic congestion.

Recent State budgets have included transfers and loans from transportation funds to the state's General Fund, resulting in a suspension of Proposition 42 and a loss in much-needed transportation spending.

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