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Metro Welcomes Passage of Measures for Transportation-Related Funding

 Prop 1A, 1B ensure money for roads and transit; 1C includes funds for transitoriented development

(Nov. 8, 2006) Metro officials today are welcoming the passage of transportation-related Propositions 1A, 1B and 1C, which won voter approval by wide margins in Tuesday's election.

Prop 1A, which at last report had received 80 percent of the vote, closes the loophole that allowed the state to take \$2.5 billion over the past three years from gasoline sales tax funds intended to finance road and highway projects and to use the money for general fund expenses.

Prop 1B, which received at least 61 percent of the vote, will provide \$20 billion through bonding to battle traffic congestion and pollution. Included in the funds are \$12.25 billion for improving freeways, highways and roads and \$4 billion for improving transit.

Prop 1C, which garnered 57 percent of the vote, would provide \$2.85 billion through bonding to finance housing programs. These would include the Transit-Oriented





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would include the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program.

"Clearly, voters recognized that these critical transportation bonds will have significant, far-reaching benefits for our region. And they're right," said Board Chair Gloria Molina. "The funding will help us resolve many of the pressing transportation challenges affecting California – and they will help us expedite our goals faster than would normally be possible."

Work to ensure region's fair share

Molina said she would work with the LA County delegation in Sacramento to ensure that the region receives its fair share of the funding included in the propositions.

"The passage of these propositions signals a real mandate by voters to tackle our region's mobility challenges head on," said CEO Roger Snoble. "These bond funds will enable us to realize many of the objectives in our Long Range Transportation Plan on a much earlier timeline. That will mean faster relief to some the region's most congested roadways."

Snoble said Metro and Caltrans already have identified several urgent, ready-to-go transportation improvements that could be eligible for immediate funding.

Those recommendations will be priorized by the Board of Directors at its December meeting, and then will be submitted to Sacramento for competitive bid early next year.

"We have the roadmap for Los Angeles County's better mobility," the CEO said, "and working together, we can make it happen."

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