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Metro Seeks \$1.77 Billion in State Funds for Traffic Relief

(Jan. 23, 2007) Metro is asking the California Transportation Commission for \$1.77 billion in traffic congestion relief funding that would be used for improvements to HOV lanes and other roadwork, along with intelligent transportation systems in LA County.

Following action by the Metro Board in December, the agency filed an application with the CTC, last week, for funding from the statewide Corridor Mobility Improvement Program ("the Corridor Mobility Program).

Sixty percent of the \$2.7 billion statewide total must be programmed for use in the 13 Southern California counties. California voters authorized the Corridor Mobility Program last November as part of Proposition 1B.

An 86-page proposal prepared by members of the Metro Countywide Planning and Caltrans District 7 staffs calls for spending the funds for projects on I-5, I-405, I-10 and state Rt. 138.

Recommendations on apportioning the funding are expected from the CTC staff, Feb. 20, with adoption of the initial program expected at the CTC special meeting, Feb. 28, in Orange County.

