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Committees to Consider Impact of Federal Stimulus Package, Measure R Funding Proposals for Bus Improvement Plan

Items to Watch

- **Measure R Project Delivery Item 6:** Report on service sector proposals for Measure R Bus Improvement Plan
- **Planning and Programming Item 11:** 2009 Call for Projects
- **Planning and Programming Item 12:** Retrofit Soundwall Program along the I-210 freeway
- **Finance and Budget Items 18,19:** Reports on the status of the FY2009 budget and structural deficit.
- **EMAC Item 30:** Motion to prioritize Measure R 3% commuter rail funds for Metrolink safety improvements.
- **Construction Items 32, 33:** Award contracts for construction management and administration and for environmental consulting and engineering services in support of Board-adopted capital projects.
- **Operations Item 35:** Award contract for two 'bucket' trucks for facility maintenance and repairs.
- **Planning and Programming Item 44:** Establishing Los Angeles County Recovery Act funding approval deadlines

By GAYLE ANDERSON

(Feb. 17, 2009) Now that the federal stimulus package has been signed into law by President Barack Obama, the Planning and Programming Committee will study how the funding will be prioritized for Los Angeles County and determine approval deadlines for capital projects. The comprehensive review is Item 44 on the supplemental agenda that was distributed on Friday.

The Measure R Project Delivery Committee will convene for the first time on Wednesday. The new board committee was formed to manage the voter-approved funding that will begin on July 1.

Members will receive an oral report of the Measure R Implementation Plan, followed by a discussion of operating and infrastructure proposals for the Bus System Improvement Plan developed by the service sectors.

The committee, created by Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at the January meeting, is chaired by Director Richard Katz, with Director Zev Yaroslavsky serving as vice chair. Also serving on the committee are directors Don Knabe, Ara Najarian and Pam O'Connor.

February Committee Meetings

Wednesday, Feb. 18

11:30 a.m. – Measure R Project Delivery Committee
1 p.m. – Planning and Programming
2:30 p.m. – Finance and Budget
3 p.m. – Ad-Hoc Congestion Pricing Committee

Thursday, Feb. 19

9:00 a.m. – Executive Management and Audit
10:30 a.m. – Construction
12 noon – Operations
Wednesday, Feb. 25
12:30 p.m. – Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee

Thursday, Feb. 26

9:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting

The Finance and Budget Committee will receive an update on the status of the FY2009 budget and the structural deficit, which projects a \$2.4 billion operating deficit in light of the 10-year financial forecast.

A public hearing to determine conformance of local jurisdictions with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program will be held in advance of the Planning and Programming meeting set for 1 p.m. in the Board Room.

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