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From left, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Palmdale Mayor James C. Ledford, Jr., CEO Art Leahy and Board Chair Ara Najarian. Photo by Jose Ubaldo.

Metro Delivers Measure R Sales Tax Funds to City of Palmdale

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(March 4, 2010) Board Chair Ara Najarian joined Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Metro’s CEO Art Leahy Wednesday in presenting the first six-month installment check of Measure R 15% Local Return dollars to the Palmdale City Council for use in improving transportation systems in the City of Palmdale.

The Measure R payment to the City of Palmdale totals \$531,008 collected through February, 2010. The City of Palmdale is projected to receive \$80.8 million over the 30 year span of Measure R.

Measure R, the half-cent sales tax approved by the voters in November 2008, is expected to generate approximately \$40 billion over the next 30 years.

Local cities within Los Angeles County receive 15 percent of the funding to use for major street resurfacing, pothole repair, improving traffic congestion, bikeways, pedestrian improvements signal synchronization and transit improvements.