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And we need your support.

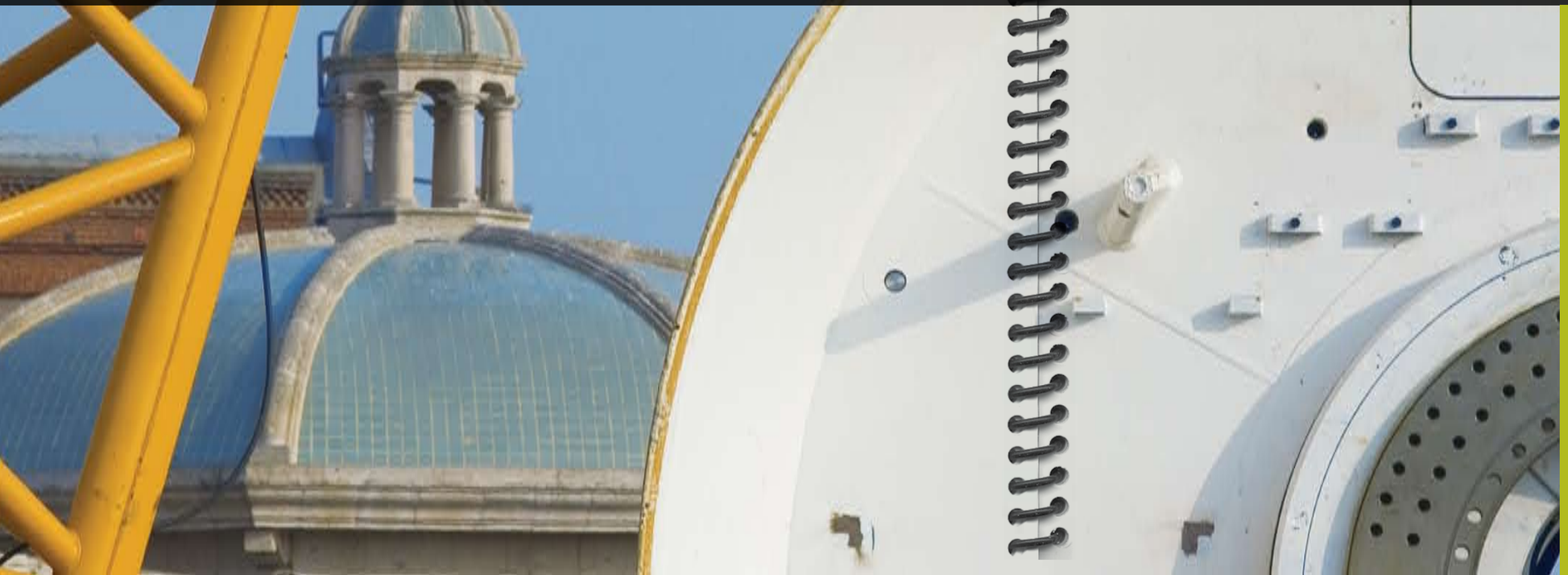
Nearly ten million people – one-third of California's residents – live, work and play within LA County. It's Metro's job to keep them moving.

We are unique among the nation's transportation agencies, acting as planner and coordinator, designer, builder and operator for this fast-growing, 1,433-square-mile area.

Congressional funding will make a real difference for LA County, increasing our region's mobility and fueling America's economic growth.

With your leadership and support, we can alleviate congestion, enhance air quality, facilitate goods movement from LA's ports, and lead the way in planning and building innovative transportation solutions.

We need $100 million to keep building light rail for East LA.



> $100 million in Section 5309 New Starts Funding for the Eastside Extension Light Rail Line project between Union Station and East Los Angeles

Metro's Eastside Extension Light Rail Project, which is presently under construction, is a six mile light rail system that will run between Union Station in downtown Los Angeles and East Los Angeles. The extension is poised to serve an area that's home to one of the most transit-dependent populations in the nation.

The project, which is set to open in 2009, will provide a vital link to an expanding Metro Rail network, which empowers the 10 million people who live, work and play in Los Angeles County to easily move around the region.

We need $10 million for more high-technology vehicles.



> $10 million in Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities to assist Metro in purchasing buses and constructing bus facilities. Metro also supports bus funding requests from municipal operators in Los Angeles County.

Metro has the nation's largest fleet of clean-burning alternative fuel buses. We've spent more than $1 billion over the past several years, largely from local funds, to modernize our bus fleet and improve the quality of service for our passengers.

Recently, Metro began receiving 200 articulated buses which operate on Compressed Natural Gas. These vehicles will help Metro's bus system meet the demands of over 1,200,000 weekday boardings – a number nearly equal to the population of the City of Philadelphia.

We need $2 million to build a smarter transportation system.

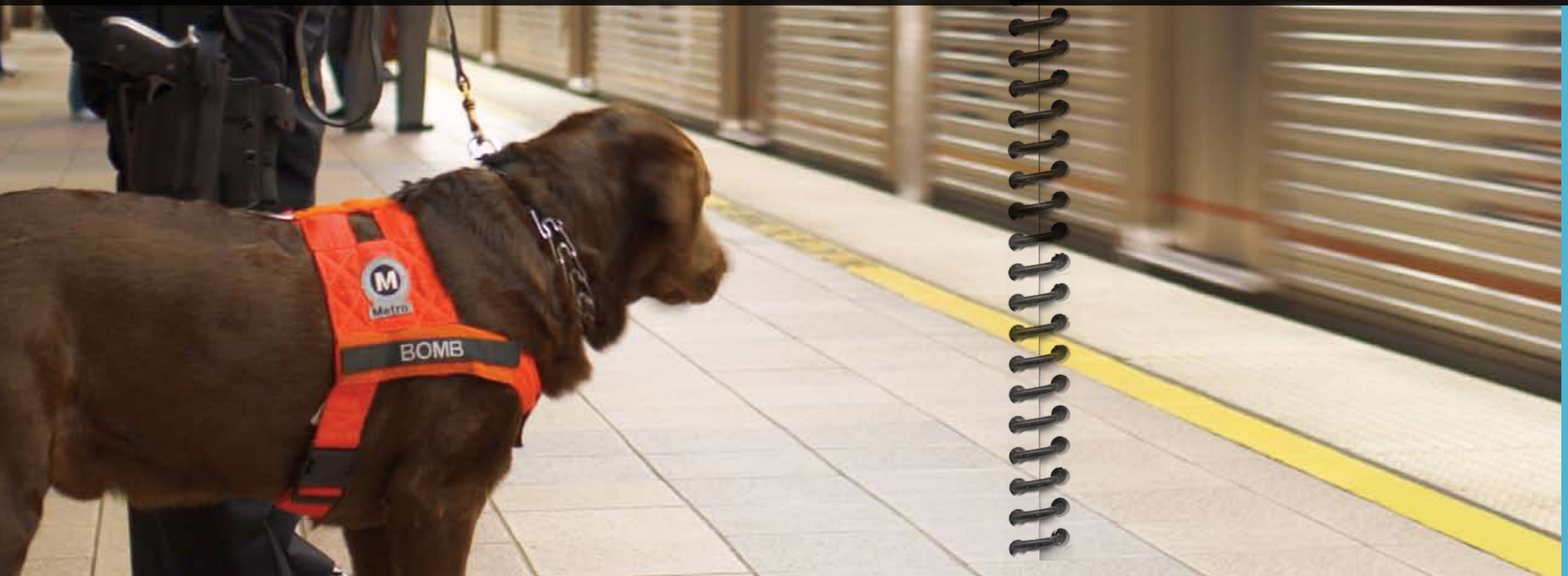


> $2 million in Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Funding

Metro leads the nation in adopting Intelligent Transportation Systems. Most recently, Metro has led the creation of a Regional Integration of ITS (RIITS) to provide local, regional and state agencies with electronic access to our enormous bus, rail and highway network. Metro has worked diligently to ensure that the data garnered from RIITS is made widely available on the internet – so that the public can see and use real-time traffic information.

The RIITS system is also serving as a vital tool for fire, police and other emergency service personnel, who can now view traffic patterns in real-time and consider alternative paths in response to emergency situations.

We need funds to make Metro safer and more secure.



> Pursue Federal Funding for Transportation Security Measures

Metro is fully committed to ensuring the safety and security of our most valuable assets – our passengers. By working with local, state and federal law enforcement officials, Metro is successfully safeguarding the welfare of the 1,300,000 people who ride Metro's trains and buses each day.

Metro needs additional homeland security resources to improve its internal communications system, install barriers to protect vital assets, institute expanded K-9 and officer patrols, expand closed circuit monitoring of sensitive areas and place chemical and biological detection systems at major bus and rail stations.

LA County voted for increased mobility. Twice.

Now we need help in Washington, D.C.

In 1980 Los Angeles County voters approved Proposition A, a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. In 1990, voters approved a second half-cent sales tax to improve LA County's bus, rail and highway systems. That's over $10 billion in transportation funding over the last decade alone, and Metro's work to increase mobility for LA County continues to bolster a strong national economy.

> The federal government collects nearly $7 billion in custom duties on goods imported through the twin Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

> Nearly 35% of all waterborne trade enters the United States through LA County annually – using the county's rail and highway network to distribute $200 billion worth of goods to the rest of the nation.

> 60% of the imported goods in the Greater Chicago area pass through the LA County ports, proof that our network is vital not only to California, but the entire country.

Metro is on the move, poised for success at every level.



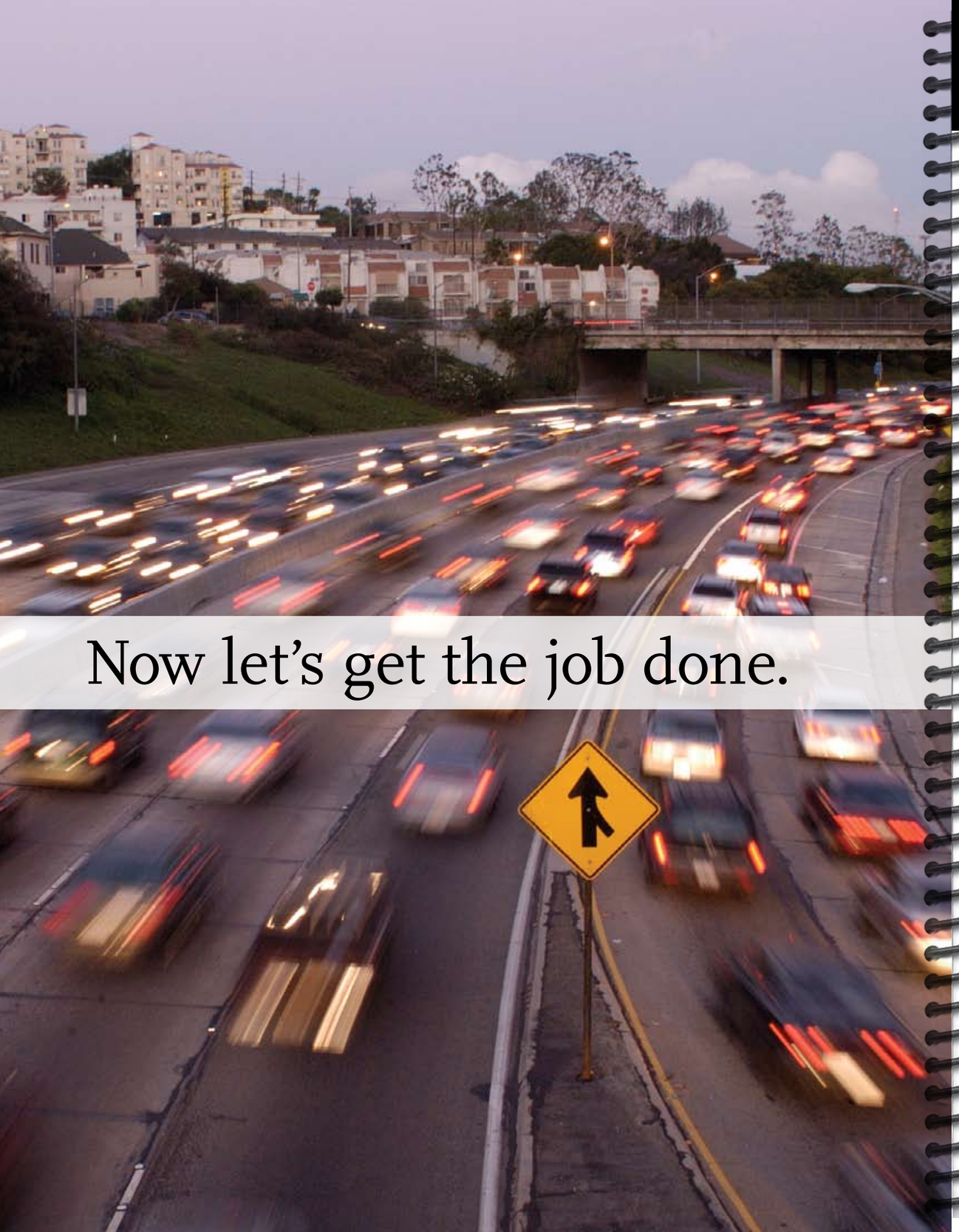
With a dynamic, carefully-considered 25-year transportation plan in place, Metro is now tackling key projects.

> Metro Rail is growing, with construction of the Metro Rail Gold Line Eastside Extension underway and construction of the Mid-City Exposition Light Rail Line slated to begin in late 2006.

> Metro Bus is rapidly improving. We're expanding the revolutionary Metro Rapid bus system to serve more customers.

> The Metro Orange Line opened in October, and already serves three times the number of projected riders. This dedicated busway is transforming the way San Fernando Valley residents use mass transit.

> Metro is debuting new high-capacity articulated buses which run on compressed natural gas, adding to the nation's largest fleet of clean-burning alternative fuel buses.



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PRIORITY ITEM

Continue to work in close coordination with officials at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Members of Congress, California State Legislators, Board Members, local officials, and all other interested parties to ensure appropriations funding for the Full Funding Grant Agreement for the Eastside Light Rail Line. This effort includes:

Goal #1

Secure Funding in the FY 2007 Transportation, Treasury and General Government Appropriations Bill

Proposed Activities

> Secure $100 million funding for Eastside Light Rail Line Full Funding Grant Agreement; $10 million funding for clean fuel buses and for bus maintenance facilities improvements and support funding for Los Angeles County Municipal Operators for similar improvements; and secure funding $2 million in Intelligent Transportation Systems funding in FY06.

> Explore opportunities to secure federal funds and legislative language to expedite the construction of Metro's next rail priority, the Mid-City Exposition Light Rail Project. Funding sources may be derived from federal bus and rail accounts in the annual transportation appropriations bill and/or funding sources made available in the recently adopted SAFETEA-LU (P.L. 109-59). Should legislation making technical corrections to SAFETEA-LU be considered by the second session of the 109th Congress, Metro will seek to insert language clearly defining that the City of Santa Monica is the final destination of the Mid-City Exposition Light Rail Project.

> Continue to seek federal funding for priority highway, bus and rail projects.

Goal #2

Identify Legislative Implementation Funding Opportunities In Safetea Lu Reauthorization Proposals

Proposed Activities

> Continue to educate Congress on the countywide consensus proposal, which includes principles and priority projects, and resolutions from Mobility 21 for the reauthorization of TEA-21. Continue to distribute copies of legislative proposals to members of California's Congressional Delegation and members of House and Senate authorizing committees.

> Work cooperatively with local governments, local transit agencies, community leaders, business owners, organizations, trade associations, residents and riders groups, as well as with other transportation agencies throughout the United States to secure funding for transportation projects and operations in Los Angeles County to ensure that transit and highway interests are well represented.

Goal #3

Secure Possible Homeland Safety and Security Funding from the Department of Homeland Security

Proposed Activities

> Support increased funding for improved safety and security systems on Metro bus and rail facilities and Municipal Bus Operators' bus facilities. These funds are available through competitive grants issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

> Work to encourage Congress to provide robust funding for federal transportation security grants to be allocated directly to local transportation agencies, thereby eliminating the need to go through the State.

Goal #4

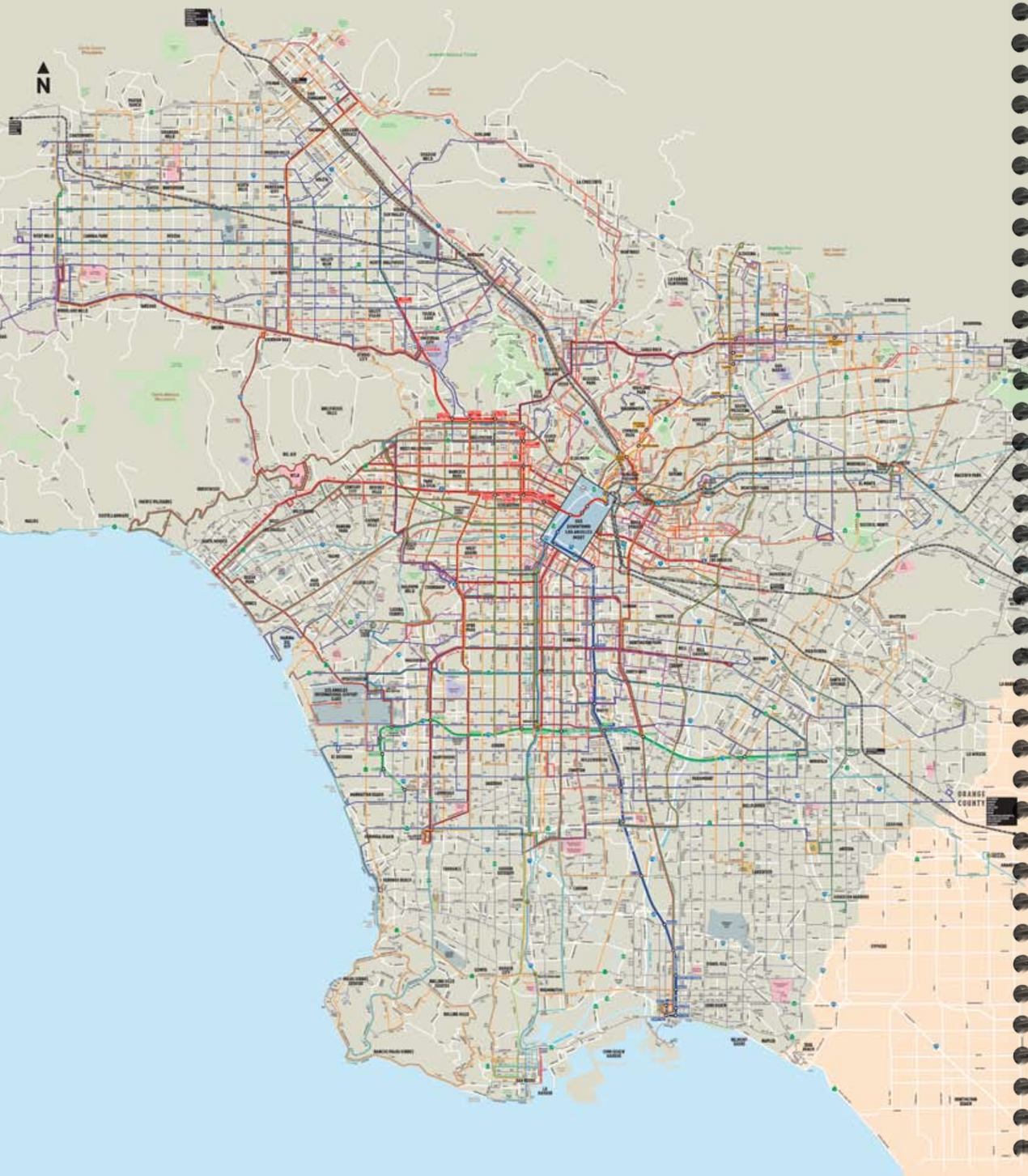
Additional Goals

> Work with the Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium on its FY06 legislative efforts to obtain federal funds to streamline bus maintenance training for alternative fuel buses.

> Work with intercity, commuter and urban passenger rail operators to support improved funding for rail rehabilitation and modernization funds.

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