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**MTA SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 181;
STATEWIDE INITIATIVE COULD GENERATE \$500 MILLION
FOR RAIL PROJECTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The MTA has joined state leaders and other state agencies in support of Proposition 181, a statewide initiative on the November ballot that, if approved, would provide \$1 billion in general obligation bonds for funding of rail projects in California.

"Passage of Proposition 181 could allow some on-going MTA rail projects to proceed on schedule," said Supervisor Ed Edelman, chairman of the MTA. "The measure would provide \$496.4 million for the construction of rail facilities and purchase of trains."

"Projects that may receive funding from Proposition 181 include the San Fernando Valley East/West rail line and the Pasadena Blue Line," said Franklin White, MTA chief executive officer.

Supporters of Proposition 181 include Dean Dunphy, Secretary of the State Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; Senator Quentin Kopp, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee; The California Transportation Commission; the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

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