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CTC ALLOCATES \$28 MILLION FOR PASADENA BLUE LINE

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated to the MTA \$28 million towards construction of the Pasadena Blue Line. This brings to \$48 million the total State contribution to the project.

"This is a great step forward for the Pasadena Blue Line and the people of the San Gabriel Valley," said MTA Chairman and L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich. "The CTC action represents the State's confidence in the project and in our efforts to improve the transportation infrastructure of the region."

The CTC met May 2-3 in Sacramento, and allocated the entire \$28 million that the MTA sought from state funds. In June, the MTA will request an additional \$40 million in Proposition 116 Rail Bond Funds. The total State contribution to the Pasadena Blue Line is projected to be \$337.8 million, with the balance provided by local funds, primarily Prop A and Prop C sales tax returns.

"We are committed to building the Pasadena Blue Line in the most cost-effective manner," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Franklin White in his presentation of the MTA's 20 Year Plan. The Plan includes MTA's commitment and full funding plan for the Pasadena Blue Line. "A Peer Review of the line has been completed to review costs, and those findings will be discussed at the MTA Board meeting in June," he added.

Ground was broken for the Pasadena Blue Line in April 1994. The 13.7 mile light rail system will run from Union Station in Los Angeles to east Pasadena. The line will connect residential, commercial and industrial areas within the cities of Los Angeles, South Pasadena and Pasadena.

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Construction of the Pasadena Blue Line will generate an estimated 24,300 jobs.

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