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ADOPTED STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN EARMARKS \$1.2 BILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COUNTYWIDE

Funds for 405 Freeway HOV Lane, Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway and Improvements to Routes 1 and 90 Included

The California Transportation Commission today approved \$1.2 billion in projects for Los Angeles County as part of the 1996 State Transportation Improvement Program.

"We are very pleased with the actions taken by the California Transportation Commission today," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA chief executive officer. "The CTC approvals strengthen the local-state partnership needed to build highway improvements and urban rail projects."

The state action includes:

- \$35.1 million to build a southbound High Occupancy Vehicle lane on the 405 Freeway between the I-10 freeway and Route 90. This HOV lane will improve access to the LAX, UCLA and Century City areas which contain some of the highest densities of employment and housing outside downtown Los Angeles.

- \$30 million to widen and improve Route 1 and Route 90. Route 1 will be widened from Sepulveda Boulevard to Fiji Way, including upgrade and widening of bridges over Ballona Creek and Culver Boulevard. Intersection improvements will be made along Route 1 at Mindanao Way, Rose Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard, Venice Boulevard and Washington Boulevard. Route 90 will be widened from Centinela Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard.

- \$6.1 million for construction of the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway from the 405 Freeway to Moreno Drive at the Beverly Hills border.

These projects are major elements of Los Angeles County congestion management programs proposed to improve regional mobility and the quality of life.

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