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**MTA Statement**

**Re: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Proposed FY 05 Budget**

MTA is appreciative of the Governor's efforts to reach out to transportation interests as the state attempts to address the structural deficit. We will continue partnering with the state to address the deficit while still making sure that the county's transportation needs are met. These are critical in order to ensure mobility and to grow the economy.

MTA already is advancing the state hundreds of millions of dollars to keep Los Angeles County's highest transportation projects on schedule. These include the San Fernando Valley Metro Rapidway, the Eastside extension of the Metro Gold Line, and the purchase of new buses and rail cars. These projects were among many local projects included in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). We urge the Governor and the Legislature to maintain the state's commitment to the TCRP.

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