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**Statement by Metro CEO Roger Snoble on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Approval of LA County Transportation Funding**

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Every transportation dollar received is a dollar well spent here in LA County in our efforts to relieve traffic congestion and improve mobility and today Los Angeles received \$1.276 billion in much needed funding.

We are grateful that the CTC commissioners recognized LA's needs and today approved funding for two huge transportation improvement projects that include adding a north bound car pool lane on the busy 405 Freeway and the all important I-5 widening project from the Orange County Line to the 605 Freeway.

We are equally pleased that the commission reconsidered its staff's recommendations and approved funding for the I-5 Freeway car pool lanes from the 134 to the 170 freeways in the San Fernando Valley. This project will go a long way in relieving traffic congestion and speed travel times along this heavily traveled route.

CTC action committing additional dollars from separate funding for both the 138 Highway widening project and the I-10/605 Freeway interchange project is welcomed news for motorists traveling along those congested corridors.

I want to thank all the members of the California Transportation Commission , especially Former Congressman Esteban Torres and former Metro Board Member Larry Zarian for their hard work in making these allocations a reality.

Being diligent in our efforts to bring home LA County's fair share of these important transportation dollars really paid off today and is fantastic news for LA County.

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