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Statement from Metro Board Chair Pam O'Connor Re: Repeal of Congressional Provision Prohibiting the Use of Federal Funds for Tunneling Along the Wilshire Corridor

Metro is pleased that both the House and Senate Transportation Appropriations bills drawn up this week have included language repealing a 22 year prohibition on the use of federal funds for subway construction along the busy Wilshire corridor.

Repeal of this language represents a huge step for transit service in Los Angeles County as we begin planning for the future to improve the mobility of the region.

We are appreciative of Congressman Henry Waxman's efforts in this regarding the House version of the bill and equally appreciative of both Senator Diane Feinstein and Senator Barbara Boxer for their efforts to include it in the Senate's version of the bill.

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