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Metro to Host Two Telephone Hall Meetings to Answer Questions about Measure M on October 12 and 19

Metro will host two Interactive Telephone Town Hall meetings on October 12 and 19 to provide information and answer questions about Measure M, the agency's expenditure plan that would fund a wide variety of transit and highway projects; local street improvements; programs for seniors, students and people with disabilities; and more over the next four decades. The Measure will go before voters on November 8.

Residents within the county of Los Angeles are encouraged to participate in these informational sessions. Participants can ask questions to agency executives about Measure M, Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan, local bus and rail service, and other projects now underway. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 12

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Residents will be called at random by an automated telephone system and invited to participate in the public forums from the comfort of their homes. When residents answer their phones, they will be automatically connected to the meetings. Anyone who does not receive a call but wants to participate can dial the toll-free telephone numbers listed below.

- **English:** the toll-free call-in number is 888-400-1932.
- **Spanish:** the toll-free call-in number is 888-400-9342.

ADA Language Accommodation: If you require an interpreter or other accommodations, please contact Metro at least 72 hours prior to October 12 or October 19 at 323-466-3876 or the California Relay Service at 711.

Measure M asks voters to increase the countywide sales tax by a half-cent and continue the existing Measure R tax after it is set to expire in 2039 until voters decide to change it.

The plan includes a host of major highway and transit projects across the county and many other programs. These include keeping fares affordable for seniors, students and the disabled; improving local streets and sidewalks; earthquake retrofitting bridges; improving freeway traffic flow; expanding the rail and bus system; enhancing bike and pedestrian connections; and keeping

the system maintained and in good working condition. The tax measure also embraces technology and innovation to adapt as transportation evolves.

The full expenditure plan is available for public review at www.metro.net/theplan.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.4 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County. Through its oversight of one of the largest public works programs in America, Metro is changing the urban landscape of one of the country's largest, most populous counties.

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