

July 24, 2008
Metro Board of Directors

MOTION

Directors Antonovich and Fasana

WHEREAS, in November 2006 the voters of Los Angeles County overwhelmingly supported passage of Prop 1B, a \$19.7 billion bond program to improve transportation and mobility for residents, with a key component of the program being the \$4 billion Transit Modernization program, and whereas, voters expected to see immediate and beneficial use of this funding for capital projects that improve transportation within the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2A project to Azusa/Citrus is a ready-to-go project and could be inserted into the federal New Starts construction funding pipeline without disrupting MTA rail projects under development not yet ready for federal construction funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B from Azusa/Citrus to Montclair will provide significant additional ridership when a regional connection is made with San Bernardino County including a logical future transit link to the LA/Ontario Airport that will help alleviate air traffic pressure on and regional traffic congestion around LAX; and,

WHEREAS, the Foothill Extension is a baseline project in the Southern California Association of Governments' 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (and draft 2008 update) as a project assisting in meeting air quality conformity for the region, and whereas, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension is also included in Metro's 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan as a project to be implemented,

WE MOVE THAT the Metro Board of Directors take the following actions:

- 1) Approve programming of \$80 million in Proposition 1B Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (Transit Modernization) bond funds for construction of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2A (to Azusa/Citrus)
- 2) Include the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2A (to Azusa/Citrus) as a project in the baseline portion of the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan, and program operating and maintenance funds for the project