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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MTA RELATED ISSUES

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As part of our attempt to keep Southern California elected officials apprised of key issues affecting the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the MTA's Office of Government Relations wanted to inform you of the following actions:

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FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

On Tuesday, June 24, the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee:

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- Allocated \$76 million for MOS-3 of the MTA's Metro Rail Red Line project in the FY 1998 Transportation Appropriations bill. The legislation includes several contingencies in accompanying report language including one to set aside \$24 million of the \$76 million for use on the Eastside Extension of MOS-3.
- Directed the FTA, GAO and Transportation Department Inspector General to approve the MTA's Recovery Plan and instructs the FTA and the MTA to renegotiate the North Hollywood and Eastside segments of the MOS-3 FFGA.
- Provided \$10 million for the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB) program -- also known as the "Stealth Bus," and set aside \$200 million nationwide for transit operating assistance.

The FY 1998 Transportation spending bill next moves to the full House Appropriations Committee during the week of July 14. The Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee also plans to produce its version of the FY 1998 Transportation Appropriations bill during the same week.

MTA/CITY OF LOS ANGELES AGREEMENT

At its June 25 Board Meeting, the MTA Board of Directors approved the City of Los Angeles' \$200 million financial contribution agreement for Metro Rail Red Line, Segment 3. The agreement frees up the \$200 million in funding from the City of Los Angeles and allows the first payment of \$58 million to be used for MTA's FY 1997-98 Budget for Metro Red Line, Segment 3. The agreement also sets milestones for rail