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ADOPTED STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN EARMARKS \$1.2 BILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COUNTYWIDE

Funds for Alameda Corridor and Route 110 Transitway Included

The California Transportation Commission today approved \$1.2 billion in projects for Los Angeles County as part of the 1996 State Transportation Improvement Program.

"We are very pleased with the actions taken by the California Transportation Commission today," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA chief executive officer. "The CTC approvals strengthen the local-state partnership needed to build highway improvements and urban rail projects."

The state action includes \$40 million for construction of the Henry Ford Avenue interchange with the Terminal Island Freeway at the Southern end of the Alameda Corridor project.

The state also programmed \$8 million to build two transit stations on the Harbor Transitway. One station will be built at Pacific Coast Highway and the other at Carson Street. These two stations will allow planned bus service on the transitway to function more efficiently and attract more riders.

Other projects receiving funding from the state included the Pasadena Blue Line, Segment 3 of the Metro Red Line, Route 30 in the East San Gabriel Valley and various High Occupancy Vehicle lane connectors throughout the county.

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