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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE INCREASES METRO RAIL FUNDING TO \$90 MILLION FOR SEGMENT 3

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation today recommended funding for the Metro Red Line Segment 3 project at \$90 million for Fiscal Year 1997. This is an increase of \$5 million over the last year's allocation. The funds will be used for the North Hollywood, East Los Angeles and Mid-city extensions of the Red Line.

"We are pleased, during this time of tight fiscal policy, to have bipartisan Congressional support for continuation of the Metro Red Line construction in Los Angeles," said MTA Chairman Larry Zarian. "We appreciate the leadership of Chairman Frank Wolf, and the members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, as well as the Southern California congressional delegation."

The Subcommittee also recommended \$6.5 million for the Advanced Technology Transit Bus project and approximately \$21 million for operating assistance for Los Angeles County, maintaining it at last year's level.

"Today's action, which is the first step in the federal budget process, shows the confidence of the members of Congress in the new organizational focus being implemented at the MTA," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA chief executive officer. "We will continue working with the Congressional

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delegation and Chairman Wolf to ensure that the FY '97 transportation spending bill meets Los Angeles County's transportation needs ."

The subcommittee recommendation is scheduled to be presented to the full Appropriations Committee on June 19, and to the House on June 27. Once this process is completed the bill will be considered by the U.S. Senate.

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