



**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 14, 2004**

**SUBJECT: LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file report on the initiation of a 2005 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Los Angeles County.

**ISSUE**

Staff is initiating an update to the Long Range Transportation Plan that would serve as the primary transportation planning tool to guide future transportation investments throughout Los Angeles County through 2030. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an overview of this work effort.

**BACKGROUND**

As the state-designated transportation planning and programming agency for Los Angeles County, MTA proactively develops a long range vision of the transportation system based on the financial resources that will be available to implement this vision. The LRTP provides a comprehensive and balanced, multi-modal transportation system that reflects both regional needs and local concerns. The last LRTP was approved in 2001. It should be noted the LRTP ensures that MTA's long-range priorities are included in the Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan, thereby making them eligible for federal funding.

Staff is initiating the development of the 2005 LRTP that will identify a multi-modal transportation vision through 2030. The 2005 LRTP will also build upon the recommendations contained in the recent Board-adopted 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan. The 2005 LRTP will incorporate significant changes that have occurred since the 2001 LRTP was adopted including economic conditions, growth patterns, and the uncertain transportation funding environment. The latter condition especially requires an examination of how the current funding situation impacts Los Angeles County's mobility needs, and how the 2005 LRTP can provide recommendations for innovative funding programs.

The LRTP update will also incorporate other on-going planning studies including the transit restructuring studies, congested corridors analysis, freight movement studies, and land use analyses. The update will also look at improved access to transit and jobs for low-income, transit dependent, and minority populations. The update will help implement the transportation recommendations from the Mobility 21 transportation summit.

Finally, community outreach will be a vital element in the update process. An extensive outreach effort will seek input and participation from our transportation partners, the nine subregional agencies, a wide range of community, environmental and business groups.

### **NEXT STEPS**

During the next six months, staff will develop and begin implementing a public outreach plan, and begin both the baseline financial analysis and transportation model analysis. During this work effort, staff will be providing the MTA Board with status reports upon completion of major work plan activities, providing the Board the opportunity to comment on the plan as it develops

### **ATTACHMENT**

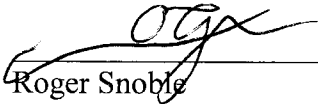
- A. Overview of Long Range Transportation Plan Development Process

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