

Motion by Directors Villaraigosa and Molina

Achieving MTA's regional transportation goals in a timely manner will require the full support of the State and federal governments, and the MTA Board is committed to continue to pursue this assistance with great vigor. However, when reductions in transportation funding both at the Federal and State level occur, it becomes even more important for the MTA Board to allocate its more limited local funding to the highest priority projects.

Consequently, in December 2003 the MTA Board directed the CEO to develop a fiscal contingency plan to ensure the timely completion of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension which the MTA Board established as its highest priority rail project. Allocations to this Contingency Fund included the MTA's 17% contribution to the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) project.

The MTA has now more carefully examined adjusted cash flow forecasts for the Eastside Extension of the Gold Line which reveal that the project schedule for 2004 will not be delayed if the ACE funding held temporarily in the Contingency Fund is returned.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE** that the MTA Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to release the funds for the Alameda Corridor East project that were temporarily held in the Gold Line Eastside Extension Contingency fund by the Board's action of December 4, 2003.