

Forward to MTA Full Board on January 22, 2004

MOTION BY DIRECTORS KNABE, MOLINA AND PROO MTA Planning and Programming Committee-January 14, 2004

In 1996, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments completed a study of the trucking industry and the movement of goods within the 26 cities of the Gateway Cities sub-region. The Gateway Cities Trucking Study identified the disproportionate impact of trucking activity within the sub-region due to the proximity of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the large industrial land base, and the concentration of transportation/trucking firms in the Gateway Cities.

Based on the information contained in the Gateway Cities Trucking Study, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments was successful in receiving TEA-21 funds, formally programmed by the California Transportation Commission at a slightly reduced amount of \$6.2 million, reducing the respective match requirements for the MTA and the cities to \$775,000 each.

At the December 4, 2003 MTA Board Meeting, the Board was scheduled to approve the MTA Proposed AB 3090 List of Projects, of which, the *Gateway Cities Truck Intersection Projects* are included with a MTA contribution of \$775,000, along with approximately 10 other noteworthy projects. Due to uncertainty with the State of California's budget, MTA staff deferred its recommendation to approve the MTA Proposed AB3090 Project List at that time, with the exception of the Route 101 Center Street to Los Angeles Street Project which has a MTA match of \$21,399.

The *Gateway Cities Truck Intersection Projects* is now past the 95% design completion phase and ready to be submitted for construction bids in March 2004, involving 21 highest priority intersections and 20 different Southeast cities. **The MTA approved funding of \$775,000 is critical to maintaining the progress of this project, protecting the \$6.2 million federal earmark and demonstrating MTA's leadership in the area of freight and goods movement.**

We, therefore move that:

- MTA staff report back to the Planning and Programming Committee in February 2004 with a Status Report of projects on the MTA Proposed AB 3090 Project List deferred in December 2003. As part of this Status Report, staff identifies projects that are ready to go and/or in jeopardy of losing matching funds, and develop a funding strategy for implementation that safeguards projects from losing current local, state and federal earmarks.