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**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
March 17, 2005**

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION

ACTION: APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON STATE LEGISLATION

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the following position:

AB 1649 (Liu) A bill regarding the Metro Gold Line-Foothills Extension --**OPPOSE, WORK WITH AUTHOR**

ATTACHMENT

A. Legislative Analysis

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BILL: AB 1649

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SUBJECT: PASADENA GOLD LINE PHASE II

STATUS: PENDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

ACTION: OPPOSE – WORK WITH AUTHOR

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt an **OPPOSE – WORK WITH AUTHOR** position on AB 1649.

PROVISIONS

This bill is virtually identical to AB 712 (Liu) on which the Board of Directors adopted an “oppose unless amended” position last June. This bill would:

- Rename the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority (Authority) to the Metro Foothills Gold Line Construction Authority;
- Rename the entire project from Union Station to Claremont to the Metro Foothills Gold Line;
- Require the voting membership of the board to consist of 5 members and one non-voting member appointee as follows:
 - 2 members appointed by the LACMTA who shall be members of the LACMTA Board of Directors;
 - 3 members appointed by a local selection committee composed of City Council representatives from the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Pasadena, South Pasadena and Claremont;
 - 1 non-voting member appointed by the Governor;
- State that the board members may be removed at any time by the appointing authority; and
- State that the bill is not intended to affect local, state or federal funding priorities.

The remainder of the statute:

- Requires that the Exposition Line and the Foothills Extension be constructed in phases and according to a specified schedule.
- Requires the LACMTA to prepare a financial plan which would fund each project according to the specified schedule.

