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**SUBJECT: 2007 CALL FOR PROJECTS MODAL CATEGORY PRELIMINARY  
FUNDING MARKS AND PRELIMINARY FUND ESTIMATE****ACTION: APPROVE MODAL CATEGORY PRELIMINARY FUNDING MARKS AND  
PRELIMINARY FUND ESTIMATE****RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the 2007 Countywide Call for Projects transportation modal category preliminary funding marks, as shown in Attachment A, and a preliminary fund estimate of \$450 million, as shown in Attachment B.

**ISSUE**

To allocate transportation funds now available for regionally significant projects that public agencies may implement, Metro has initiated the 2007 Call for Projects. To move forward with project funding recommendations for the 2007 Countywide Call, we are recommending that the Board of Directors approve the transportation modal category preliminary funding marks and the preliminary fund estimate shown in Attachments A and B, respectively.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The preliminary modal category funding marks (see Attachment A) are based on the regional program direction provided in the 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) recommendations. By June 2007, we will recommend final amounts to the Board of Directors regarding final funding levels for each of the seven modal categories. The recommendation will be based on emerging LRTP Update recommendations, as well as the regional significance and demonstrated mobility benefit of the specific projects that eligible sponsors have proposed.

The preliminary fund estimate (see Attachment B) is based on federal, state, and local fund forecasts. The preliminary fund estimate also included the 07 Supplemental Call approved by the Board in January 2007 (see Attachment C). Finally, the funding awarded to the Transit Capital mode for the 2006 STIP Augmentation for FY 08 is also accounted for in the preliminary modal category funding marks (see Attachment A). There is no new policy decision involved with the preliminary fund estimate as it is a technical forecast of funds available based on established Metro Board policies.

Since 2001, Metro has not programmed regional transportation funds through a Countywide Call for Projects that allows 89 Los Angeles County jurisdictions and their transit agencies to apply for financial assistance with their regionally significant projects. The Board-adopted 2001 LRTP envisioned Countywide Calls in 2003 and 2005, both of which the Board deferred to fund other more regionally significant needs at the time. Recently, staff presented the Board with a preliminary financial analysis for the Draft 2007 LRTP Update, which assumes that the Countywide Call process would continue throughout the LRTP's 25-year period beginning in 2007.

## **OPTIONS**

The Board of Directors could adjust the transportation modal category funding marks or defer the 2007 Countywide Call for Projects entirely. Adjusting the funding marks is not recommended because they were developed according to the Board-adopted LRTP. Deferring the 2007 Countywide Call also is not recommended because funds are expected to be available and some allocation process is necessary, so that Metro may fulfill its statutory transportation programming responsibilities. For example, Metro would not be positioned to submit the statutorily required 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Los Angeles County to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by the required August 2007 deadlines. The Countywide Call process is part of Metro's established process for that purpose.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Metro will include Proposition C 25% local sales tax funds for the first year of the six-year, 2007 Countywide Call for Projects in the fiscal year (FY) 2007-08 Metro Budget under cost center 0441 - Subsidies to Others. Staff also will include future year funding in subsequent annual Metro budgets. Los Angeles County's State TIP funding priorities will be set for the six-year period ending in FY 2012-13, in part, through this Countywide Call for Projects process.

## **BACKGROUND**

Federal statute (Title 23 U.S.C. 134 (g) & (h)) and state statute (P.U.C. 130303) require Metro to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Los Angeles County. The TIP allocates revenues across all surface transportation modes based on the planning requirements of the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Metro accomplishes these mandates, in part, by programming transportation revenues through a Countywide Call for Projects process wherein Los Angeles County jurisdictions and transit agencies may apply for funding of regionally significant projects. These regionally significant projects are often beyond the fiscal capabilities of local sponsors, and the Countywide Call process allows an opportunity for these additional projects to be funded to meet the County's transportation needs. The Countywide Call implements Metro's multi-modal programming responsibilities for Los Angeles County and the Board-adopted LRTP.

The modal category funding marks in Attachment A are provided as preliminary fund estimates and are based on the Board-adopted 2001 LRTP. The Board of Directors will be expected to determine the final funding levels for each category based on the regional significance and demonstrated mobility benefit of the specific projects that eligible sponsors propose in the 2007 Countywide Call for Projects process.

The preliminary fund estimate in Attachment B is also based on the LRTP Update assumptions and includes federal, state, and local funds. Forecasts for the local fund sources in Attachment B are consistent with the LRTP Update and Metro's debt policy. Federal funding forecasts are based on historical trends, but are adjusted to reflect federal highway trust fund growth rates and possible downside risks (e.g., possible reductions in amounts of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement [CMAQ] Program funds). State fund forecasts are also based on historical trends, but do not reflect growth due to higher priority needs such as state highway safety, maintenance, and operating costs. The specific funding sources and amounts chosen for the 2007 Countywide Call are subject to change based upon the projects finally selected and other factors, including project eligibility and availability.

### **NEXT STEPS**

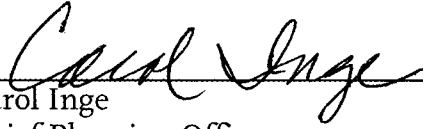
With Board adoption of the recommended 2007 Countywide Call for Projects transportation preliminary modal category funding marks and the preliminary fund estimate, Metro will notify Los Angeles County applicants accordingly. Metro will continue to evaluate projects and release preliminary funding recommendations in early May 2007. Also, applicants will be given an opportunity to appeal their project scores to the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in late May.

The Board will have an opportunity to review and comment on the preliminary project funding recommendations as part of the regular June Planning and Programming Committee meeting. The Board of Directors is scheduled to formally adopt the 2007 Countywide Call at their July regular meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

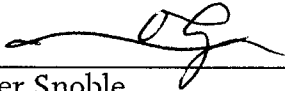
- A. 2007 Countywide Call For Projects Transportation Modal Category Funding Marks
- B. 2007 Countywide Call For Projects Funding Source Estimate
- C. Preliminary 2007 Countywide Call for Projects Modal Funding Estimates

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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

## 2007 COUNTYWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS

## MODAL CATEGORY FUNDING MARKS

(\$ in thousands)

MODAL CATEGORY	Program Year *							TOTAL
	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13		
Regional Surface Transportation Improvements/Goods Movement	10,000	17,000	34,000	40,000	28,000	33,000	162,000	
Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvement	9,000	12,300	20,000	30,000	21,000	21,000	113,300	
Transportation Demand Management (TDM)	-	3,000	8,000	8,500	8,500	10,000	38,000	
Regional Bikeways	-	3,000	7,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	36,000	
Pedestrian Improvements	-	3,000	8,000	8,400	8,400	9,914	37,714	
Transit Capital	11,380	-	8,000	9,700	10,500	12,500	52,080	
Transportation Enhancements	-	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	11,000	
<b>TOTAL FUNDING MARK</b>	<b>30,380</b>	<b>38,300</b>	<b>88,500</b>	<b>108,100</b>	<b>87,900</b>	<b>96,914</b>	<b>450,094</b>	

\* Individual FY total amounts are estimated and are subject to revisions without changing overall programming totals as approved

**2007 COUNTYWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS  
PRELIMINARY FUND ESTIMATE**  
(\$ thousands)

	Program Year *							TOTAL
	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13		
<b>LOCAL PROPOSITION C:</b>								
Transit Related Streets/Highway Imprv. ( Prop C 25%)	19,000	30,000	74,000	152,000	29,000	0	0	304,000
<b>STATE:</b>								
2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)								
Regional Improvement Funds (75%)	11,400	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	26,400
Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA)	0	0	3,507	11,587	13,000	13,200		41,294
<b>SAFETEA-LU and Beyond:</b>								
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Prog. (CMAQ)	0	3,000	9,200	52,300	5,000	0	0	69,500
Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)	0	3,000	2,000	3,000	900	0	0	8,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>88,707</b>	<b>218,887</b>	<b>62,900</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450,094</b>

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## Preliminary 2007 Countywide Call for Projects Modal Funding Estimates

(\$ in millions)

	2001 LRTP Modal %	Estimated Modal Amount	07 Supplemental Modal Funding	07 CFP Mark
Regional Surface Transportation Improvements/Goods Movement	40%	215	(53)	162
Signal Synchronization	24%	128	(15)	113
Transit Capital	11%	58	(6)	52
Bikeway Improvements	8%	43	(7)	36
Pedestrian Improvements	8%	43	(5)	38
Transportation Demand Management	7%	38		38
Transportation Enhancements	2%	11		11
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>450</b>

**Note:** Funding can be moved from one modal category to fund high scoring projects

