

**Motion by Director Molina**

Whereas, the State of California recently adopted its FY 2007-2008 budget; and

Whereas, this budget removes \$1.259B from the Public Transportation Account

Whereas, the removal of vital transportation funds jeopardizes Metro's ability to build new transportation projects and operate the County's transit system; and

Whereas, this action contradicts the will of the voters who have repeatedly voted to support transportation funding; and

Whereas, these cuts are at risk of putting our efforts to improve air quality with transportation projects to the region; and

Whereas, the State is expected to experience continued serious budget deficits and these deficits will continue to threaten transportation funding;

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer, notwithstanding any other efforts, to take all steps necessary to protect State transportation funds. The Chief Executive Officer shall be authorized to explore potential legislation including ballot initiatives to be submitted to the voters and litigation against the State in order to protect transportation funding.