

**Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 2008**

MOTION BY DIRECTOR FLEMING

**TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION NAMED "FAST"
TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF SHORT TERM STRATEGIES TO
REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

In October the RAND Corporation released a study identifying effective strategies for achieving meaningful reductions in traffic congestion in Los Angeles County, focusing on policy options that could be implemented within the next five years or sooner. Metro was one of the sponsors of this study. The study identified and assessed alternate strategies for mitigating congestion within the region, considering factors such as cost, effectiveness, equity concerns and technical and political feasibility. The RAND study, entitled "Moving Los Angeles: Short Term Policy Options for Improving Transportation" proposed 13 separate, yet integrated recommendations.

A non-profit organization named FAST – Fixing Angelinos Stuck in Traffic - has been created to support the implementation of the RAND study recommendations. FAST proposes to create a diverse, inclusive coalition of business associations, labor unions, civic groups, neighborhood councils, education institutions, elected officials, transit organizations and residents of Los Angeles County to support the RAND recommendations as well as other short term-transit solutions aimed at reducing Los Angeles County's traffic.

FAST will create a full interactive website to educate people about the proposed traffic solutions, gather their input and create a database of nearly 2 million interested citizens who will participate in solving Los Angeles County traffic challenges.

FAST will also conduct advocacy through numerous personal presentations to groups throughout Los Angeles count to gather input regarding the strategic implementation of congestion reduction strategies in order to appropriately reflect the character of the individual cities and communities.

We therefore move that the LACMTA Board direct the CEO to provide \$135,000 to FAST for its first 12 months of operation. This Metro contribution will be matched by \$265,000 for the first year through FAST board membership and other sources.