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Bus System Improvement Plan

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Measure R includes a 20% allocation of sales tax revenue for improved bus operations, including suspension of the MTA-Board approved July 1, 2009 fare increase and freezing disabled, Medicare, senior, and student fares for five years.

In addition, Measure R sets aside \$150 million for clean fuel bus purchases.

While Measure R includes significant investment in expanding rail transit in Los Angeles County, these projects will take time to build.

In the immediate future, we will be able to improve transit services by investing in our bus system.

It is important that MTA solicit the public for how they want the Measure R 20% funds invested, coordinate with the municipal operators, and develop a plan for how new Measure R funds will be spent to improve bus service in Los Angeles County.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the MTA Board of Directors:

1. Direct the CEO to solicit feedback through the Service Sectors on what type of bus service improvements are wanted by the public by February 2009
2. Provide to the MTA Board and municipal operators by March 2009 with an estimate of the MTA and municipal operator portions of Measure R 20% using the formula allocation procedure (FAP)
3. Direct the CEO to coordinate with the municipal operators to avoid service duplication or other inefficiencies, including requesting information on how each municipal operator intends to spend its portion of Measure R 20% funds
4. Direct the CEO to report back during the March 2009 Board cycle with recommendations for a new "Bus System Improvement Plan" for MTA's portion of Measure R 20% funding that considers, but is not limited to:
 - A. New clean fuel bus purchases
 - B. Additional fare freeze or fare reduction
 - C. Added bus lines
 - D. More frequent service
 - E. Longer hours of operation

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