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MOTION (REVISED)**

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WHEREAS, in November 2007 the Metro Board established the Rider Relief Transportation Program to provide a subsidy to low-income persons to help mitigate the increase in Metro's fares; and

WHEREAS, this is a county-wide program pursuant to the Board motion; and

WHEREAS, other operators in the county have recently raised their fares or are in the process of doing so due to the loss of state funding and sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, low-income customers riding these systems have described the negative impacts of such increased fares on them during this very difficult economic time;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Board, recognizing the needs of all low income transit users in the county, extends the Rider Relief Transportation Program to services provided by included and eligible municipal operators in Los Angeles County, with no additional revenues needed since the extended program can be accommodated within the funding originally approved by the Metro Board in 2007.