

MARCH 26, 2009
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

LOCAL HIRE INITIATIVE

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

As a result of the passage of President Obama's economic stimulus recovery package, Metro will receive funding to execute a number of "shovel ready" projects throughout its service area. The intent of the funding is to promote economic development in Los Angeles County and to provide employment opportunities for local residents.

To ensure that these objectives are met, Metro seeks to establish a policy of local hiring on large construction projects that are executed with federal economic stimulus. One of Metro's major program objectives must be to promote employment of individuals who reside in or near project areas and within the County of Los Angeles, and to provide employment and job training opportunities among populations affected by high unemployment.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to establish a local hiring program to meet the objectives described herein, to ensure that the local community benefits through funds received by Metro.