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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE**  
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**SUBJECT: 2009 COUNTYWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS PRELIMINARY MODAL  
CATEGORY FUNDING MARKS AND PRELIMINARY FUND ESTIMATE**

**ACTION: APPROVE PRELIMINARY FUNDING MARKS AND PRELIMINARY FUND  
ESTIMATE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the 2009 Countywide Call for Projects preliminary transportation modal category funding marks, as shown in Attachment A, and a preliminary fund estimate of \$330 million, as shown in Attachment B.

**ISSUE**

To allocate transportation funds now available for regionally significant projects that public agencies may implement, we have initiated the 2009 Countywide Call for Projects. To proceed with project funding recommendations for the 2009 Countywide Call, we are recommending that the Board of Directors approve the preliminary transportation modal category marks and the preliminary fund estimate shown in Attachments A and B, respectively.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The preliminary modal category funding marks (see Attachment A) are based on the regional program direction provided in the adopted 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and continued in the Draft 2009 LRTP recommendations. The recommendation will be based on the 2009 funding availability from the LRTP update, as well as the regional significance and demonstrated mobility benefit of the specific projects that eligible sponsors have proposed. The preliminary fund estimate (see Attachment B) is based on federal, state, and local funds forecasts used for the Draft 2009 LRTP.

**OPTIONS**

The Board of Directors could adjust the preliminary fund estimate or the preliminary modal category funding marks, or defer the 2009 Countywide Call for Projects entirely. Adjusting the funding marks is not recommended because we have developed them with the Draft 2009 LRTP. Deferring the 2009 Countywide Call also is not recommended because funds

are expected to be available and some allocation process is necessary, so that we may fulfill our statutory transportation programming responsibilities. For example, we would not be positioned to submit the statutorily required 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Los Angeles County to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by the required December 2009 deadline. Los Angeles County's State TIP funding priorities will be set for the six-year period ending in FY 2014-15 through this Countywide Call for Projects is our established process for that purpose.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

We will include Proposition C 10% and 25% local sales tax funds for the first year of the five-year, 2009 Countywide Call for Projects in the fiscal year (FY) 2009-10 Budget under cost center 0441 - Subsidies to Others. We also will include future year funding in subsequent annual budgets.

### **BACKGROUND**

Federal statute (Title 23 U.S.C. 134 (g) & (h)) and state statute (P.U.C. 130303) require us to prepare a TIP for Los Angeles County. The TIP allocates revenues across all surface transportation modes based on the planning requirements of the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

We accomplish these mandates, in part, by programming transportation revenues through the Countywide Call for Projects process wherein Los Angeles County jurisdictions and transit agencies may apply for funding for regionally significant projects. These regionally significant projects are often beyond the fiscal capabilities of local sponsors, and the Countywide Call process allows an opportunity for these projects to be funded to meet the County's transportation needs. The Countywide Call implements our multi-modal programming responsibilities for Los Angeles County and the Board-adopted LRTP.

The modal category funding marks in Attachment A are provided as preliminary minimums (percentage for each mode) and are based on the relative modal shares from the Board-adopted 2001 LRTP, combined with the new overall fund estimate from the Draft 2009 LRTP. The Board of Directors will be expected to determine the final funding levels for each category based on the regional significance and demonstrated mobility benefit of the specific projects that the eligible sponsors propose in the 2009 Countywide Call for Projects process.

The preliminary fund estimate in Attachment B is based on the Draft 2009 LRTP assumptions and includes federal, state, and local funds. Forecasts for the local fund sources in Attachment B are consistent with the LRTP update and our Debt policy. Federal funding forecasts are based on historical trends, but are adjusted to reflect federal highway trust fund growth rates and possible downside risks (e.g., possible reductions in amounts of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement [CMAQ] Program funds). State fund forecasts also are based on historical trends, but do not reflect growth due to higher priority needs such as state highway safety, maintenance, and operating costs. The specific funding sources chosen for the 2009 Countywide Call are subject to change based upon the projects finally selected and other factors, including eligibility and availability.

## **NEXT STEPS**

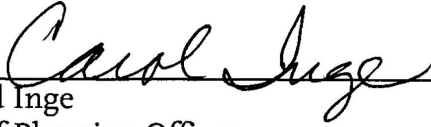
With Board adoption of the recommended 2009 Countywide Call for Projects transportation modal category funding marks and the preliminary fund estimate, we will notify Los Angeles County applicants accordingly. We will continue to evaluate projects and release preliminary funding recommendations in late June 2009. Applicants will be given an opportunity to appeal their project scores to our Technical Advisory Committee in late July 2009.

We will be scheduling a Board workshop on the 2009 Countywide Call for Projects in August 2009. We expect that the Board of Directors formally will adopt the 2009 Countywide Call at their September 2009 meeting.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. 2009 Countywide Call For Projects Preliminary Transportation Modal Category Funding Marks
- B. 2009 Countywide Call For Projects Preliminary Fund Estimate

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**2009 COUNTYWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS**  
**PRELIMINARY MODAL CATEGORY FUNDING MARKS**  
*(\$ in thousands)*

<b>MODAL CATEGORY</b>	<b>FY 10-11</b>	<b>FY 11-12</b>	<b>FY 12-13</b>	<b>FY 13-14</b>	<b>FY 14-15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Regional Surface Transportation Improvements/Goods Movement	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 132,000
Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvement	-	-	5,000	30,000	44,000	79,000
Transit Capital	-	-	14,000	12,000	10,000	36,000
Regional Bikeways	-	-	1,000	12,000	14,000	27,000
Pedestrian Improvements	-	-	500	12,100	13,400	26,000
Transportation Demand Management (TDM)	-	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	23,000
Transportation Enhancements	-	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	7,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING MARK</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,500</b>	<b>\$ 115,100</b>	<b>\$ 140,400</b>	<b>\$ 330,000</b>

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<b>2009 COUNTYWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS</b>						
<b>PRELIMINARY FUND ESTIMATE</b>						
<i>(\$ thousands)</i>						
	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	TOTAL
<b><u>LOCAL PROPOSITION C:</u></b>						
Transit Related Streets/Highway Imprv. ( Prop C 25%)	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 104,000
Commuter Rail, Park and Ride (Prop C 10%)	0	0	5,000	7,500	7,500	\$ 20,000
<b><u>STATE:</u></b>						
<b>2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)</b>						
State Local Partnership Program (SLPP)	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	\$ 10,000
Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA)	0	0	1,900	13,000	13,100	\$ 28,000
<b><u>SAFETEA-LU and Beyond :</u></b>						
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Prog. (CMAQ)	0	0	0	79,900	40,600	\$ 120,500
Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)	0	0	0	22,500	25,000	\$ 47,500
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 46,900	\$ 147,900	\$ 110,200	\$ 330,000

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