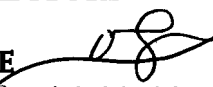





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November 12, 2008

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE 
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: MATTHEW RAYMOND 
CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

**SUBJECT: REAUTHORIZATION OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
FUNDING BILL**

ISSUE

The federal legislation that currently authorizes funding for America's surface transportation programs, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), will expire on September 30, 2009.

BACKGROUND

Congress adopted SAFETEA-LU and the President signed the legislation into law August 2005. The measure provided over \$240 billion in programmatic and project-based transportation funding nationwide. For Los Angeles County, SAFETEA-LU is expected to provide as much as \$3.8 billion in highway and transit funding through September 30, 2009. The \$3.8 billion of federal funding represents an increase of \$833 million over the amount authorized in the previous authorization bill known as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). Of this federal funding, we have obligated \$1.86 billion or 98.4% of discretionary, formula and earmarked funds for our own transit projects and programs through September 2008 (see attachment).

NEXT STEPS

We have been working closely with transportation agencies in the counties of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura, and with the Southern California Association of Governments, Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to prepare a document outlining our common agenda for the legislation that will replace SAFETEA-LU. We also are collaborating with Mobility 21 to ensure that the reauthorization principles that the Southern California transportation agencies ultimately adopt are identical to the document that Mobility 21 adopted. Once the Board reviews and approves this document, we will share it with Congressional leaders on transportation-related committees and members of the Los

Angeles County Congressional Delegation. We expect to present our reauthorization principles to the Board by January 2009.

Federal Funds From SAFETEA-LU Obligated By LACMTA

FEDERAL PROGRAM	SAFETEA-LU AMOUNT ALLOCATED THRU FY08	SAFETEA-LU AMOUNT OBLIGATED THRU FY08	SAFETEA-LU BALANCE
Job Access and Reverse Commute Formula Funds	\$19,943,928	\$8,861,029	\$11,082,899
New Starts Discretionary Funds	\$332,675,380	\$316,328,000	\$16,347,380
Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Funds	\$264,730,565	\$264,730,565	\$0
New Freedom Formula Funds	\$8,469,434	\$8,164,683	\$304,751
Urbanized Area Formula Funds	\$622,926,387	\$621,302,051	\$1,624,336
Alternatives Analysis Discretionary Funds	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
Fixed Guideway Modernization Formula Funds	\$152,592,289	\$152,592,289	\$0
Highway SAFETEA-LU ⁽¹⁾	\$122,000,000	\$122,000,000	\$0
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Formula Funds	\$325,927,181	\$325,927,181	\$0
Regional Surface Transportation Formula Funds	\$37,710,000	\$37,710,000	\$0
TOTAL FUNDS AS OF SEPT. 2008	\$1,888,975,164	\$1,859,615,798	\$29,359,366

⁽¹⁾ Previously shown as SAFETEA-LU High Priority Demo I-710 Project. It now includes the I-710 and the I-405 HOV projects.
 Previous to SAFETEA-LU Metro received an earmark for the SR-2 Glendale Project, of that \$12M, we spent \$1.4M.

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