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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**SUBJECT: STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP – STATUS OF  
CONGESTION MITIGATION FEE STUDY**

**ISSUE**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is the designated Congestion Management Agency, as authorized by State statute to develop a Congestion Management Program (CMP) for Los Angeles County. Compliance with the CMP is required to allow State gas tax funds to flow to local jurisdictions. The CMP statute also requires local jurisdictions to monitor CMP arterial and transit networks, to implement TDM and land use ordinances, and mitigate the impact of land use decisions through a Deficiency Plan.

As part of the work effort to explore the feasibility of a congestion mitigation fee as a mechanism to comply with the CMP, a local stakeholder workshop is being conducted to fulfill the Board's direction on whether "the CMP is still an appropriate, useful and consistent tool aligned with our state and regional objectives."

The workshop is scheduled to be held on March 4, 2014 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in the Music Center.

**BACKGROUND**

During a four year period, staff worked on a Congestion Mitigation Fee Study with jurisdictions, Councils of Governments, business interests, environmental groups, and others. The technical work on the Congestion Mitigation Fee Study was completed in early 2013 and was scheduled for Board consideration in late Spring 2013.

At the June 2013 Board meeting, the Board passed Motion #71 directing staff to work with our Sacramento legislative delegation to conduct a hearing as to whether the Congestion Management Program (CMP) is still an appropriate and useful program. The Board further directed us to report back regarding any State findings and legislative changes to CMP statute, in consultation with the business and environmental communities, local jurisdictions and the Southern California Association of Governments, and report with a recommendation on meeting CMP requirements.

Upon further consultation with Board offices, it was decided a Los Angeles County Workshop would be an appropriate venue to engage the various stakeholders to address the Board motion. This Workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss both their views and the opinions of others about the proposed congestion mitigation fee, as well as other potential options for local jurisdictions to meet the statutory requirements of the Congestion Management Program. The stakeholders consists of representatives from each Council of Governments and sub-regional agency, jurisdictions, businesses and business interests, environmental groups, labor unions, and others. The number of attendees is estimated to be 120.

The workshop will be held on March 4, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion within the Music Center in Salon A on the Fifth Floor.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will report to the Board in April 2014 with a summary of the workshop discussion.