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**SUBJECT:** 2003 CALL FOR PROJECTS

**ISSUE**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is beginning the 2003 Call for Projects process.

**BACKGROUND**

The MTA is required by federal (Title 23 U.S.C. 134 (g) & (h)) and state (P.U.C. 130303) statutes to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Los Angeles County. The TIP allocates revenues across all transportation modes based on analysis of Los Angeles County mobility needs and the planning requirements of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21). The MTA addresses this mandate in part by programming revenues through the Call for Projects.

The purpose of the 2003 Call for Projects is to implement the MTA's multimodal programming responsibilities for Los Angeles County. The Call for Projects is a competitive process whereby the cities, the county, transit operators and other public agencies that are responsible for transportation facilities or services within Los Angeles County may submit grant applications for transportation funding. The Call for Projects programs federal, state and local transportation funds throughout Los Angeles County. It is likely that the primary funds available for the 2003 Call for Projects will be state and federal fund sources.

Currently, MTA staff is working with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to develop a draft application package scheduled for release to the public in late October 2002. The draft application package will be presented for MTA Board approval on December 12, 2002. The purpose of releasing a draft application package in late October is to allow project sponsors the opportunity to begin developing their project proposals as early in the process as possible, since applications will be due to MTA on Friday, January 31, 2003. After the December 12<sup>th</sup> MTA Board action, a Supplemental Call for Projects Application will be released providing final program instructions or clarifications based on any additional Board direction. This 2003 Call for Projects schedule and process reflects the same schedule and process as utilized in the past several Call for Projects.

A Call for Projects Workshop will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> to provide local jurisdictions with information regarding project eligibility, the project selection process, application preparation and Project Study Report or Project Study Report Equivalent preparation.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The highlights of the 2003 Call for Projects process are as follows:

- September – October: MTA staff develops draft Call for Projects Application Package.
- Late October: Draft Call for Projects Application Package released to local jurisdictions.
- November 13<sup>th</sup>: Applicant Workshop held for project sponsors.
- December 12<sup>th</sup>: Call for Projects Application Package presented for MTA Board action.
- Early December: Supplement to Application Package release with MTA Board action items.
- Early November – end of January: Project sponsors complete application.
- February – April: MTA staff reviews applications.
- April – June: MTA staff completes preliminary recommendations. TAC conducts review and appeals process. Recommendations submitted to MTA Board for review.
- July 2003: MTA Board approves final Call for Projects recommendations. Call for Projects recommendations incorporated into MTA's Transportation Improvement Program.