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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: MTA'S FY 2003 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

ISSUE

In the coming months, Congress will be developing appropriations legislation for FY 2003. Although the deadlines for entities to submit testimony to the Senate and House subcommittees has not yet been set, staff has developed the funding mark request noted below.

The MTA request will be included in letters to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, in a Los Angeles County delegation letter to the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee chair, in the agency's formal testimony to the House and Senate Appropriations subcommittees and in fact sheets used to garner support from the public and state and local officials. The funding marks noted for the rail and corridor-related projects are consistent with the agency's full funding grant agreements. The other funding requests are fully justified by the merits of the projects.

BACKGROUND

The MTA is specifically requesting the following:

- \$40.5 million in Section 5309 Fixed Guideway-Discretionary Funding for the Metro Rail North Hollywood extension. This request completes the federal government's funding commitment for the final leg of this project. This funding is consistent with the President's budget.
- \$35 million in Section 5309 Fixed Guideway-Discretionary Funding for the Eastside Light Rail Project. The MTA is currently in the Final Design phase on this project. This funding is consistent with the President's budget.
- \$4.5 million in Section 5309 Fixed Guideway-Discretionary Funding toward the preliminary engineering for the Metro Light Rail Exposition Boulevard project from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. This request starts the preliminary engineering work on the project.

- \$11.5 million in Section 5309 Bus and Bus Related Discretionary Funding for the Metro Bus Fleet and Bus Facilities. This funding would assist the MTA in purchasing additional low-floor CNG buses and constructing or improving bus facilities. We are also indicating support for the Municipal Operators request of \$15 million. Specific bus funding levels are not indicated in the President's budget.
- \$21 million in Homeland Security Funding. To update and enhance rail security systems for the MTA and the Municipal Operators.
- \$5 million in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program Funding. The requested funding is for the implementation of the Regional Universal Fare System for the MTA and several municipal bus operators' service in Los Angeles County.
- \$2 million in Reverse Commute/Job Access Program Funding. As a member of the Los Angeles County's Transportation and Human Services Executive Council, the MTA funding request will help implement a focused ridesharing matching program for employed Welfare-to-Work participants.
- Expand funding requirement to include Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) in urban degraded areas. We are currently working on this issue with the Administration, but may need clarification in legislation.

Please feel free to call me if you have any comments or require more information.