

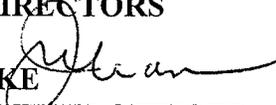


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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECT: BOARD CONSIDERATION OF LONG RANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN DOCUMENT**

At the January 17th Special MTA Board meeting staff presented a preliminary draft Long Range Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County (LRTP) and requested approval to release it for 45 days of public comment. Board members expressed their concern about the limited time to review a document as complex as the Draft Plan and forwarded the matter to the January 25th meeting.

Based on the issues raised by Board members I am recommending that final action on the LRTP be moved forward to March or April, and in that connection, it is not necessary or required that the Board act on Item 46 of the Agenda for the meeting of January 25, except to recognize that the MTA staff will proceed with the LRTP process as indicated below.

While the Preliminary Draft LRTP contains a wealth of information and technical analysis that is necessary to support its recommendations, we have become convinced that a "reader friendly" LRTP Summary document should be prepared that highlights key trends and recommendations found in the current Draft LRTP to assist in its review by the Board and public alike. Consequently, we propose to develop such a Summary document over the next several weeks. Upon completion of that Summary, it will be distributed and will be available for the 45-day review period. Staff will then develop a final LRTP, which will be presented to the MTA Board for its review and approval. In the meantime, over the next two weeks staff will brief Board members and their staffs regarding the Preliminary Draft Plan to ensure that Board concerns are addressed in the development of the final plan.

Given the importance of the LRTP in preparing for the future of Los Angeles County's transportation system, I believe that the proposed LRTP Summary will enhance MTA Board and public understanding of the challenges that Los Angeles County faces and the choices available to the county as we prepare for the future.