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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF APPEALS ON LAPSING DEADLINE FOR
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-LOCAL FUNDS
FOR THE CITIES OF BELL AND SAN MARINO

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ISSUE

At its April 27, 2000 meeting, the MTA Board of Directors approved the MTA staff lapsing and extension recommendations for Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-L) funding allocated to cities, except for the cities of Bell and San Marino. The Board heard an appeal from the City Engineer representing the cities of Bell and San Marino, who presented documentation that allegedly showed Caltrans had recently obligated lapsing STP-L balances for Bell (\$155,899) and San Marino (\$56,711). The Board then proceeded not to approve the staff recommendation for Bell and San Marino, and instead asked staff to review the obligation information presented.

BACKGROUND

The MTA Board adopted a lapsing policy dated July 24, 1996 and an appeals process for lapsing STP-L fund balances dated November 12, 1998. STP-L funds are federally authorized transportation funds that are apportioned to the states. By notice dated February 23, 1999, MTA staff advised cities that had lapsing STP-L fund balances to obligate or trade the funds to other cities by September 30, 1999. The adopted Board policy requires that lapsing STP-L funds be de-obligated and re-allocated through the population formula, or the lapsing deadline extended for six more months. At issue is the part of the staff recommendation that sought to de-obligate and re-allocate STP-L fund balances of \$172,610, comprised of \$115,899 for the City of Bell and \$56,711 for the City of San Marino.

ANALYSIS

With this Board Box item, staff is reporting that we have reviewed the information presented at last month's Board meeting and we have determined that Bell and San Marino have succeeded in obligating their lapsing STP-L balances of \$115,899 and \$56,711, respectively. As a result, staff is now adjusting the total extended STP-L lapsing balance for the cities by \$172,610 to reflect the obligation of Bell's and San

Marino's balances. Staff is now working with a total extended STP-L lapsing balance of \$1,495,745 for the cities, as shown in Attachment 1, but will not lapse the Bell and San Marino amounts.

There is no financial impact to the MTA Budget from adjusting the total extended STP-L lapsing balance, as STP-L funding is regional money programmed to cities. Cities with allocated STP-L funding work individually with Caltrans to obligate their funding. The MTA allocates, monitors, and administers STP-L funds to ensure their obligation and use, so that Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding amounts, which are federally apportioned and then state allocated to Los Angeles County, are not diminished.

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Attachment 1: Cities with Lapsing Balances as of 9/30/99 Recommended for 6-Month Extension.

CITIES RECOMMENDED FOR 6-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE LAPSING DEADLINE

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
ESTIMATED BALANCES AND APPORTIONMENTS OF
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LOCAL (STPL) FUNDS**

REVISED PER MTA STAFF RESPONSE TO TAC RECOMMENDATIONS

ATTACHMENT 1

AGENCY	STP-L APPORTIONMENT [1]						STP-L ACTIVITY DISTRICT 7 DATA			FUNDS SUBJECT TO LAPSE [7] (If Not Obligated by 9/30/99)
	FY 92- FY96 [2]	FY 96-97	FY 97-98	FY98-99	FY 2000-FY2003 [4]	TOTAL	OBLIGATED AMOUNT [5]	FUND ADJUSTMT [6]	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE (9/30/99)	
ARCADIA	\$886,570	\$165,752	\$165,355	\$163,078	\$652,312	\$2,033,067	\$977,269		403,486	\$75,053
BELL	\$674,215	\$115,899	\$115,672	\$115,397	\$576,986	\$1,598,169	\$674,215		346,968	\$115,899
BELLFLOWER	\$1,055,682	\$207,780	\$207,480	\$206,876	\$827,504	\$2,505,322	\$1,198,382		479,436	\$65,080
BEVERLY HILLS	\$509,889	\$105,940	\$105,956	\$105,768	\$528,839	\$1,356,392	\$573,629	\$21,100	253,924	\$42,200
HAWTHORNE *	\$1,835,712	\$244,230	\$244,181	\$244,151	\$1,220,756	\$3,789,030	\$1,831,726		736,548	\$244,230
HERMOSA BEACH	\$409,403	\$59,474	\$59,483	\$59,329	\$237,316	\$825,005	\$435,189		152,500	\$33,688
HUNTINGTON PARK	\$964,579	\$191,565	\$191,237	\$193,209	\$966,043	\$2,506,633	\$1,101,556		439,034	\$54,588
LAWNDALE	\$460,401	\$93,829	\$93,996	\$93,809	\$375,236	\$1,117,271	\$460,401	\$34,099	281,634	\$93,829
MONTEREY PARK *	\$1,002,417	\$203,619	\$203,229	\$203,459	\$1,017,296	\$2,630,020	\$1,131,120		481,604	\$74,916
PASADENA	\$2,357,172	\$436,597	\$436,795	\$436,117	\$1,744,468	\$5,411,149	\$2,273,266		1,393,415	\$520,503
ROSEMEAD	\$1,472,945	\$173,469	\$173,328	\$173,329	\$693,316	\$2,686,387	\$1,645,727		347,344	\$687
SAN MARINO *	\$177,802	\$42,668	\$42,637	\$42,556	\$212,778	\$518,441	\$163,759	\$2,898	141,904	\$56,711
WEST HOLLYWOOD	\$1,836,813	\$118,360	\$118,162	\$117,882	\$589,411	\$2,780,628	\$1,836,812		354,405	\$118,361
TOTAL	13,643,600	2,159,182	2,157,511	2,154,960	9,642,261	29,757,514	14,303,051	58,097	5,812,202	1,495,745

[1] Apportionments are approximately 10% higher than the obligating authority provided by the federal government to Caltrans. Agencies who fail to spend federal funds promptly may experience funding delays if lapsing funds are not sufficient to return the 10% difference between apportionment and the obligating authority.

[2] Includes FAU balances according to Caltrans, February 6, 1996.

[4] The sum of the next 4 years allocation for each city's share of \$29.8 million based on percent of county population using the CA dept of finance tables for 1998 population 12/98. FY 00-03 Apportionments will be revised with future pop. data. Previously shown thru FY04 assuming reauthorization

[5] Obligated amounts include obligations and funds assigned to others agencies.

[6] Fund adjustments outside agency STP-L apportionment.

[7] Per MTA "Estimated Balances and Apportionments" Memo to City Managers and Public Works Directors, dated February 23, 1999.