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**MEMO TO: RECIPIENTS OF MTA PROGRAMMED FUNDS**

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**SUBJECT: FUNDING CONCERNS**

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This memo serves to address jurisdictions' concerns with regard to MTA funding priorities for the Supplemental Call for Projects. In particular, I have heard that there is concern that as a result of the MTA Board's February 24, 2000 action to seek \$832 million in State funding for the Transportation Corridors that could become available through the Governor's Transportation Initiative, less funds will be available through the Supplemental Call for Projects for other regionally significant projects.

The MTA Board's February 24, 2000 action was in response to the Governor's Business, Transportation and Housing staff who, in turn, had undertaken a statewide survey of large, regionally significant transit projects for possible inclusion in the Governor's Year 2000 Transportation Initiative. Further, the Governor's office has been working with Caltrans to identify large, regionally significant highway projects. It is our understanding that both the highway and transit projects which might be funded through the Governor's Initiative will use General Fund monies and any project "earmarked" by the Governor's Initiative would be separate and apart from the state Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds and therefore, separate and apart from the MTA Supplemental Call for Projects process. The MTA Board directed the CEO to seek such General Fund earmarked funds for the Transportation Corridors. Their vote was not an "allocation" vote and will not impact the amount of funds available through the Supplemental Call for Projects.

I hope this memo addresses the concerns that have been raised. The MTA staff looks forward to a continued, cooperative working relationship with local jurisdictions on regionally significant projects to improve mobility for our region.

Cc MTA Board members