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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: U.S. SENATE SENDS TRANSPORTATION SPENDING
BILL TO PRESIDENT

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Yesterday, the U.S. Senate approved the conference committee report on the FY 1996 Department of Transportation (DOT) Appropriations bill.

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The reconciled transportation spending bill now goes to the President. He is expected to sign the spending bill which would take effect immediately.

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A report detailing the highlights of the transportation spending bill is on the Executive Management Committee agenda for November 9, 1995.

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The Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3 project received \$85 million for continued final design and construction. The conference committee included the following report language in the bill as Amendment 110:

"Amendment 110: Provides \$85,000,000 for the Los Angeles Metro Rail [MOS-3] instead of the \$125,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$45,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$85,000,000 for the Los Angeles Metro Rail Line project. The conferees, however, reiterate the safety concerns and the need for quality assurances outlined in the Senate report.

The conferees are aware that after the Senate's consideration of the Act, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority [MTA] has made significant progress in the areas of concern as expressed by the Senate. The MTA has hired a new head of Metro construction to whom quality assurance and safety personnel now must directly report. In addition, the MTA has submitted the updated Metro Rail Red Line Project Management Plan, which demonstrates the commitment to safety and quality assurance, to the Federal Transit Administration for review, prior to FTA's October 1, 1995 deadline.

While this progress is encouraging, the conferees direct the Federal Transit Administration to continue diligent oversight and to ensure that these commitments to greater safety and quality assurance staffing are finalized before these or any other federal funds are obligated to the Metro Red Line Project."

If you have any questions, please contact Arthur Sohikian at (213) 244-7435.