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Late last night, the House-Senate Conference Committee appointed to reconcile the different FY 1996 Department of Transportation (DOT) Appropriations bills, reached agreement and reported the reconciled spending bill for a floor vote tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 1995.

Specifically, the reconciled transportation spending bill reduces the programs administered by the DOT from last year by approximately 10 percent, the programs administered by the FTA by roughly 12 percent.

The Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3 project received \$85 million for continued final design and construction. The \$85 million represents roughly 12 percent of the Section 3 Rail New Start funding available nationwide. As we have reported, the Administration recommended \$158.8 million for the Red Line Segment 3 project, the House approved transportation spending bill allocated \$125 million while the Senate passed bill allocated \$45 million.

As we have reported, operating assistance for UZA's over 200,000, like Los Angeles County, will be reduced by approximately 48 percent from last year's level. Therefore, Los Angeles County operating assistance would be reduced by approximately \$18 million this fiscal year. The MTA's approved FY 1995-96 budget assumed a 30 percent reduction in operating assistance based on the Administration's budget request. Additionally, the Section 9 Formula Capital program was reduced approximately 5 percent from last year's level.

The following Los Angeles County transportation projects were funded: the Gateway Intermodal Transit Center received \$8 million; the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB) received \$5 million; and Foothill Transit received \$9.75 million to begin construction of a new maintenance facility.

As soon as the reconciled transportation spending bill becomes available, we will provide a complete funding breakdown. If you have any questions, please contact Arthur Sohikian at (213) 244-7435.