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SUBJECT: HOUSE APPROVES FY 1996 DOT APPROPRIATIONS  
BILL, H.R. 2002

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Today, after several days of floor debate, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 2002 -- the FY 1996 Department of Transportation (DOT) Appropriations bill, providing funding for the programs administered by the DOT.

As reported to you earlier, the bill, H.R. 2002, reduces DOT programs by approximately 10 percent over last year's level and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs by approximately 13 percent.

Specifically, the bill would provide \$125 million for the continued final design and construction of the Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3. Additionally, the bill would reduce federal operating assistance by approximately 44 percent over last year's level. The provision to repeal Section 13(c) of the Federal Transit Act was amended out of the bill.

The bill now goes to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation for the subcommittee to report their version of the FY 1996 transportation spending bill to the full Senate Appropriations Committee. The Senate would then vote on the Appropriations Committee recommendations. We anticipate the Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation reporting their version of the spending bill before the Senate is schedule for recess, August 11.

The bill must be passed by both chambers and then a Conference Committee will be appointed to reconcile the different FY 1996 transportation spending bills, with the goal of passing a reconciled bill by the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30, 1995.

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We will continue to need your leadership and active support as the bill moves through the budget process. If you have any questions, please contact Arthur Sohikian at (213) 244-7435.