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TO: MTA BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
FROM: BARRY ENGELBERG *BE*
SUBJECT: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Today, the House Appropriations Committee reported the FY 1996 Department of Transportation (DOT) Appropriations bill for floor consideration. The spending bill is tentatively scheduled to be brought to a House floor vote the week of July 10 or July 17.

The bill reported to the floor today by the Appropriations Committee is similar to the Subcommittee bill which reduces DOT programs by 10 percent over last year's level and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs by roughly 13 percent. The attached June 22 memo reports the FTA funding levels as proposed by the Appropriations Committee. It includes, among other things, \$125 million for the Metro Red Line Segment 3. However, the bill still reduces operating assistance by 44 percent.

Various amendments were offered by the Ranking Minority member, Ron Coleman (D-TX), including amendments to retain Section 13(c) of the Federal Transit Act and to increase operating assistance funding. Both amendments were defeated.

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.



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FROM: JIM SMART
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES TIMES UPCOMING ARTICLE

The Los Angeles Times is expected to run an article soon on the Green Line. A reporter with the newspaper has inquired as to ridership projections and the circumstances that led to the decision not to connect the Line more directly with LAX.

Our current estimates predict we will have some 10,000 daily boardings on average when the line begins operation August 12. Earlier ridership projections were considerably higher, but were made based on then higher employment levels in the El Segundo-LAX area. As you know, this area has been hard hit by federal defense spending cutbacks.

The Green Line's northern spur to LAX has not been constructed, as originally planned. We will operate a shuttle bus service to the airport.