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**TO: MTA BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**  
**FROM: BARRY ENGELBERG** *BB*  
**SUBJECT: FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TASK FORCE  
OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Thank you for your assistance in communicating the MTA's concerns about the proposed federal transportation funding budget cuts. Each of you play a very important role in the MTA's efforts to secure and maintain the federal partnership for our transit programs in Los Angeles County.

We would like you to contact as many organizations/individuals as possible to get the word out to Members of Congress.

Please encourage your contacts to write to the Chair of both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and send a carbon copy (cc) to you and their Congressional representative.

We have provided the attached documents to assist you with your efforts:

- Action Timeline
- Fact Sheet
- List of House Committee Members on Appropriations
- List of Senate Committee Members on Appropriations
- List of the Southern California Congressional Members
- Sample Resolution
- Sample letter to Congress

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Again, thank you for your efforts.

Attachments (7)

## ACTION TIMELINE

Week of May 28:

MTA staff contacts completed

Friday, June 2:

MTA staff meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Los Angeles Conference Room, 10th Floor to report action taken

Week of June 5:

***Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee tentatively scheduled to report FY '96 Transportation spending bill to full Appropriations Committee.***

Resolutions, letters and phone calls should be communicated to Southern California members and/or key transportation committee members by this week. Copies of transmittals should be received by MTA staff.

Week of June 12 and 19:

***Full Appropriations Committee tentatively scheduled to report FY '96 Transportation spending bill to House floor.***

Week of June 26:

***Tentative House floor vote on FY '96 Transportation spending bill.***

***After the House passes the FY '96 Transportation spending bill, it then goes to the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation. The final version of the FY '96 Transportation spending bill must be completed and signed by the President by the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30, 1995.***



## FACT SHEET

### IMPACTS OF PROPOSED FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION CUTBACKS

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The impacts of the 1996 proposed federal budget cuts on the MTA's transit programs could decimate public transportation in Los Angeles County and severely impact the economy.

The proposed phase out of federal operating assistance over the next three to five years could mean a loss of \$40.6 million. This could mean that MTA fares could be raised by another \$.25 to \$1.60 and/or service cuts up to 10 percent which translates to the elimination of all MTA Sunday bus and train service. **Potential federal funds lost to Los Angeles County transit operators = \$40.6 million.**

Whenever the MTA bought new buses or trains in the past, the federal government has participated by paying 80 percent of the cost. The current proposal could lower that to 50 percent forcing MTA to pay 150 percent more for each new bus we order. **Potential federal funds lost to buy new buses and trains = \$128 million.**

The proposed budget could stop all assistance for building new rail systems or for finishing those currently under construction as early as 1996. Assuming the MTA receives state funding, the impact on MTA's construction schedule could be as follows:

- Metro Red Line Segment 3 extensions to North Hollywood, Mid-City and East L.A. could be delayed between two and six years -- **Potential federal funds lost for Red Line Segment 3 = \$1.06 billion;**
- the locally funded Pasadena Blue Line could be delayed for seven years;
- the San Fernando Valley, east-west rail line and other future rail projects could be delayed indefinitely -- **Potential federal funds lost as projected in the MTA's Long Range Plan = \$2.7 billion;**
- the federal funding cuts could eliminate up to 15,000 jobs. For every dollar the MTA invests in capital projects, there is \$3 generated in the local economy;

- the proposal could stop all efforts for clean-air research projects such as the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB) -- **Potential federal funds lost for planning and research projects = \$20-30 million**;and, finally
- the proposed budget cuts would eliminate federal highway demonstration funds which would jeopardize \$350 million in important Alameda Corridor Project funds -- **Potential federal funds lost = \$350 million.**

### WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU

The economic strength of the Los Angeles County region depends on the transportation services provided by the MTA. The proposed federal funding cuts in transportation could mean a significant:

- decrease in services on our buses and trains;
- loss of access to employment; schools, colleges and universities; hospitals and health care facilities and places of worship;
- increase in fares for the disadvantaged, disabled, elderly and students on our buses and trains; and
- increase in traffic congestion which leads to worsening air quality.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write and/or call your congressional representative and write to the Chair and Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and urge them to continue funding for:

- Federal Operating Assistance and to maintain the current federal contribution for capital expenditures for bus and train purchases;
- Capital funds for "new starts in fixed guideway mass transit" projects so that Los Angeles can complete and build our Metro Red Line;
- Transit planning and clean-air research programs such as the ATTB project;
- Highway demonstration projects such as the Alameda Corridor; and

Attached for your review and assistance is a sample letter and fact sheet. Your support and efforts will result in the MTA's continued effort to operate and construct a safe, reliable and integrated Metro transportation system. If you have any questions please contact Audrey Noda at (213) 244-7187 or Arthur Sohikian at (213) 244-7435.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Whereas the United States Congress has proposed cuts and in some cases elimination of federal transportation funds which would have a devastating effect on the quality of Los Angeles County's bus and train service; research and development of clean air technologies; and curtail the MTA's ability to purchase new buses and trains;

Whereas the proposed transit funding cuts would delay the current construction of some extensions of the region's rail transportation network by up to six years and indefinitely delay the construction of future extensions;

Whereas the elimination of funding of highway demonstration projects which could have contributed \$350 million to the Alameda Corridor Project;

Whereas the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) was created to design, construct, operate and maintain a safe, reliable, affordable and efficient transportation system that increases mobility, relieves congestion and improves air quality to meet the needs of the citizens of Los Angeles County;

Whereas the MTA's integrated Metro system fuels our local, regional and national economy by its ability to transport goods, services and people;

Whereas the impacts of the 1996 proposed federal budget cuts would cause increased traffic congestion which would worsen the quality of our air; decrease service on our buses and trains; increase fares and slow down our economy;

Whereas the citizens of Los Angeles County entered into a contract with the federal government when they voted twice to tax themselves through the passage of Propositions A and C to build and operate an integrated multi-modal Metro system for the region;

Now therefore be it resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ of Los Angeles County urge Congress to continue the funding partnership with the citizens of Los Angeles County.

DATE

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

**I/We/Name of Organization am/is/are** writing to urge you to prevent the proposed elimination of federal funding for transportation programs in the Los Angeles County region. The federal investment in the MTA's public transportation system fuels our local, regional and national economy by preserving economic independence and keeps our region running.

Cuts in federal spending would cripple our economy, further pollute our environment and increase traffic congestion. Taxpayers who use public transit as a means to conduct their daily business would suffer from service reductions, increased fares and longer travel times.

The citizens in Los Angeles County voted twice through Propositions A and C for taxes to operate and build an integrated Metro system for this area. The federal government entered into a contract with the taxpayers. I/We urge you to continue:

**Federal Operating Assistance and to maintain the current federal contribution for capital expenditures for bus and train purchases;**

**Capital funds for "new starts in fixed guideway mass transit projects" so that Los Angeles can complete and construct our Metro Red Line;**

**Transit planning and clean-air research programs such as the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB) project;**

**Highway demonstration projects such as the Alameda Corridor;**

I/We ask that the federal government deliver on its end of the contract with Los Angeles and urge you to continue funding transportation programs for Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Attachments