




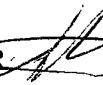
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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE 
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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

ISSUE

This report is prepared in response to the October 1997 Board action that requires the CEO or designee to report quarterly to the Board on the status and progress of regional external organizations on which MTA is represented by Board members or elected-official appointees. Board members may request that any item described in this report be brought forward for discussion at a future Board meeting.

DISCUSSION

Attachment A is the Quarterly Report on Regional External Organizations: Fiscal Year 2003-04 1st Quarter ending September 30, 2003. As a regional transportation planning agency, MTA participates on the boards of twelve organizations. The following report summarizes the roles and responsibilities, status, and progress of each organization.

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRRA)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Naini Ahuja Patricia Chen (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041</p> <p>PHONE NUMBER:</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. Mission: Plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Larry Zarian/.....Beatrice Proo Don Knabel/.....Frank Roberts Hal Bernson/.....Francine Oschin</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions MTA staff to work with SCRRRA staff to implement approved funding.</p>
<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions) In August 2003, the MTA Board approved the Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP) which approved \$259 million for Metrolink operations and rehabilitation needs, for FY'04 – FY'09. The SRTP also recommended \$46 million for capital improvements, including new locomotives, passenger coaches, and construction of a new maintenance and vehicle parking facility in San Bernardino (initial phases).</p>	<p>MTA Position * N/A</p>
<p>Rolling Stock Procurement In August 2003, the SCRRRA Board voted to approve a two part rail car procurement process composed of a technical evaluation (50%) followed by a cost evaluation (50%).</p>	<p>MTA staff to monitor procurement process SCRRRA expects to execute a purchase order in Spring 2004 and take delivery of vehicles in late 2005.</p>
<p>Holiday Schedule Changes In September 2003, the SCRRRA Board approved new holiday schedules which better reflect ridership demand during holidays. Service will be reduced on certain trips on light work holidays (MLK, President's Day, Thanksgiving Friday), and service will be added on New Years Day and Thanksgiving Day. No anticipated budget impact as service additions are expected to be offset by service reductions.</p>	<p>MTA staff to work with SCRRRA staff to evaluate success of holiday service adjustments.</p>
<p>Fare Policies and Procedures In September 2003, the SCRRRA Board adopted a consolidated fare policy to serve as a baseline for evaluating and adopting future changes in fare policy. Two minor changes were made to fare policy including: (1) increasing from two to three the number of children, age 5 and under, who may ride free with a fare paying adult/guardian, and (2) changing school group travel parameters from 20–150 to 15–130.</p>	<p>MTA staff to work with SCRRRA Fare Policy Working Group to evaluate alternative fare restructuring scenarios for possible action by SCRRRA Board.</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION:</p> <p>2) Los Angeles-San Diego –San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Patricia Chen Jay Fuhman (213) 922-3041 (213) 922-2810</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBERS:</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: LOSSAN is a Joint Powers Authority composed of OCTA, MTA, NTC, SANDAG, SBCAG, SLOCOG, VCTC, and Caltrans (with SCAG as an ex-officio member). The organization’s mission is to provide efficient, effective inter-city rail services in the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail corridor. Specifics: Coordinate capital improvements along the corridor; develop a capital program to secure funding from state and federal governments; coordinate and conduct a legislative and lobbying program at the federal and state level for LOSSAN corridor issues, especially those that give voice to funding needs and funding inequities.</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: Beatrice Proo Jacki Bacharach</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>Continue to support corridor-wide advocacy efforts, monitor LOSSAN issues through participation in monthly LOSSAN Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings.</p>
<p>Issue</p> <p>LOSSAN Advocacy Efforts</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>The LOSSAN Board held a workshop at MTA Headquarters on Saturday, September 13, 2003. The purpose was to discuss issues related to the LOSSAN corridor and the future role for the LOSSAN agency. No action was taken by the Board at this meeting, however a number of action items were developed for action by the Board in the near future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Advocacy – work together with member agencies to identify projects with corridor importance and gain acceptance by member agencies of LOSSAN as an agency in the corridor • Corridorwide Strategic Plan – update Amtrak-sponsored plan, expand Caltrans 2003 LOSSAN strategic plan • External Advocacy – support for “growing the pot” of funds available for intercity rail, more visible role in marketing regarding the success story of the corridor • Formulate Future Role For LOSSAN as an agency –discuss the possibility of taking over operations of intercity rail services (Amtrak), similar to the Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and advocate for a specific LOSSAN corridor earmark in the current TEA-21 reauthorization <p>The next LOSSAN Board meeting is January 7, 2004 (tentative).</p>	<p>MTA Position *</p> <p>N/A</p>

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<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</p> <p>LOSSAN is a Joint Powers Authority composed of OCTA, MTA, NCTD, SANDAG, SBCAG, SLOCOG, VCTC, and Caltrans (with SCAG as an ex-officio member). The organization's mission is to provide efficient, effective inter-city rail services in the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail corridor. Specifics: Coordinate capital improvements along the corridor; develop a capital program to secure funding from state and federal governments; coordinate and conduct a legislative and lobbying program at the federal and state level for LOSSAN corridor issues, especially those that give voice to funding needs and funding inequities.</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>Continue to monitor monthly ridership in the LOSSAN corridor and track ridership attributable to the Rail-2-Rail program.</p> <p align="right">MTA Position * N/A</p>
<p>Issue</p> <p>Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Ridership</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>The Pacific Surfliner corridor continues to be the fastest growing corridor in the nation. September 2003 ridership was 26% higher than 2002, and total FY '03 ridership is projected at 2.2 million riders, 23% higher than 2002. This represents the highest annual ridership ever in the corridor (previous high was 1.9 million riders prior to Metrolink). The Pacific Surfliner is the second busiest corridor in the Amtrak network and represents 8% of total Amtrak ridership, nationwide.</p>
<p>Amtrak 2,000,000th Rider Event</p>	<p>On September 30th, Caltrans and Amtrak held a media event to honor the 2,000,000th Pacific Surfliner Rider of the year, an all time high. Station events took place in San Diego, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. Local leaders, LOSSAN member agencies and the business community participated.</p> <p>Information only.</p> <p align="right">N/A</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 3) Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Douglas Kim Stephen Fox Cosette Stark (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-2238 / (213) 922-2822</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBER:</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: MSRC is an independent entity created by State law, which allocates about \$12 million annually in AB 2766 discretionary funds from a portion of an annual \$4 DMV surcharge. This revenue is used to fund programs that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. MTA represents its interests and those of LA County jurisdictions.</p> <p>The MSRC is composed of eight member agencies: MTA, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and Southern California Rideshare (regional rideshare agency).</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVE/ALTERNATE: Beatrice LaPisto-Kirtley Margaret Clark</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>FY 2003-04 Annual Work Program</p>	<p>MTA helped implement two of this year's Work Program's elements: the new Rideshare Thursday campaign which began on September 15, 2003; and the new Vanpool program. They were launched in conjunction with Rideshare Week which was the week of October 6-10. MTA's Marketing department is offering in-kind services, including free advertising on the sides of 100 MTA buses to increase campaign value and coverage.</p>	<p>In October, the MSRC will approve the FY 04 Work Program. This Work Program totals roughly \$14 million and includes funding for alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure, a local government matching program, a CNG taxi incentive, and a park-and-ride lot improvement element.</p>
<p>Freeway Service Patrol</p>	<p>MSRC funds helped start new mid-day Freeway Service Patrol service on several freeways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I-405 from Normandie to Orange County line ▪ I-210 from Orange Grove to Santa Anita ▪ I-605 from Huntington to Telegraph ▪ I-710 from Willow to Firestone <p>These services began August 1, 2003.</p>	<p>MSRC funds will help start new service on the new SR-210 extension in the Claremont area, which is scheduled to begin January 1, 2004.</p>
		<p align="right">MTA Position * S</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 4) Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Douglas Kim Eric Carlson Cosette Stark (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069/ (213) 922-2822</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: RTAC provides member agencies with a forum to discuss legislative mandates of mutual interest as set forth in AB 1246. RTAC addresses issues, facilitates identification, coordination, and resolution of transportation and air quality issues affecting member agencies. This includes SB 836, 1998 legislation which provided \$3 million for implementation of MTA's Regional Rideshare Program (i.e., Rideshare Rewards and Club Metro). RTAC is composed of six voting members: MTA, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and Caltrans. The five Southern California air districts, Imperial Valley Association of Governments, and Ventura County Transportation Commission are ex-officio members.</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES: Beatrice Proo</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>Draft 2004 RTP</p> <p>On September 29, RTAC members reviewed the major components of the Draft RTP and recommended the release of the Draft 2004 RTP. (Please see TCC update on the following page for specific components of the Plan.)</p>	<p>Staff will present formal comments to SCAG regarding the 2004 Draft RTP.</p>
<p>So Cal Air Quality Management Plan</p> <p>The 2003 AQMP was adopted by the SCAQMD on August 1, 2003, and the Air Resources Board held a SIP hearing on Sept 25-26. Next steps include: (1) EPA Emission Budget Adequacy finding, and (2) SCAG Conformity Finding.</p>	<p>Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the 2003 AQMP.</p>
<p>2004 RTP Guidelines</p> <p>The 2004 Guidelines were approved for release at the September 4, TCC meeting. One new development occurred. The FHWA and FTA informed Caltrans and SCAG that they will not approve any new RTP Amendments until the region can demonstrate that the 2002 RTP is still financially constrained, despite the TCRP funds suspension.</p>	<p>A special task force including members from SCAG, Caltrans and the CTC's are working to address this issue.</p>
	<p align="right">MTA Position *</p> <p align="center">N/A</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION:</p> <p>5) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</p>		<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Douglas Kim Eric Carlson (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069</p> <p>PHONE NUMBER:</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</p> <p>TCC is a policy advisory committee to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council on all regional matters pertaining to the movement of goods and people. TCC reviews the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and makes recommendations to the Regional Council. The TCC also provides recommendations on state and federal legislative proposals and administrative guidelines affecting planning and capital improvement programs for transportation and utilities.</p>		<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</p> <p>John Fasana (SGVCOG) Hal Bernson (City of Los Angeles) Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica) Beatrice Proo (City of Pico Rivera) MTA Seat: Vacant</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p align="right">MTA Position *</p>
<p>Draft 2004 RTP</p>	<p>On October 2, TCC members previewed the major components of SCAG's Draft 2004 RTP, and recommended the release of the draft Plan, scheduled for mid October. The Plan includes Baseline Revenue projections through its 2030 horizon, and assumes the adoption of new revenue sources.</p> <p>The Plan makes land use assumptions, that will affect each subregion differently, in order to meet federal air quality conformity requirements. SCAG staff evaluated the performance of five different Growth Scenarios on adopted mobility & accessibility performance measures before developing a "hybrid" scenario that included the best features from all the scenarios.</p> <p>To offset a projected decline in gas tax revenues, the Plan proposes increasing revenues for Transportation System Preservation by \$6.6 B, and Highway Operation by \$1.3 B.</p>	<p>The Draft 2004 RTP was released for public comment in October. Staff will prepare formal comments on the 2004 Draft RTP for MTA Board review.</p>
<p>Innovative Funding Strategies for the Draft 2004 RTP</p>	<p>At the July 31 meeting, members of the TCC expressed concern over the fact that 25% of the total funding relies on 'Operation Jumpstart' user-backed fees. Members of the committee noted that Operation Jumpstart had not yet been reviewed by Regional Council, nor had it been endorsed by the committee.</p> <p>The funding strategy includes the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and strengthen existing transportation revenues including Prop 42 • Lower voter approval threshold for local transportation sales taxes • Maximize Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax and User Fee revenue • Pursue revenue-backed project financing as appropriate • Consider the feasibility of HOT Lanes for the Outer Ring communities • Review methods for collecting revenues from alternative fuel vehicles 	<p>The Innovative Funding Strategies are included as part of the Draft 2004 RTP. Staff will include any comments on the funding strategies in the comment letter being prepared on the Draft RTP.</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 5) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Douglas Kim Eric Carlson (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBER: MTA REPRESENTATIVES: John Fasana (SGV/COG) Hal Bernson (City of Los Angeles) Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica) Beatrice Proo (City of Pico Rivera) MTA Seat: Vacant</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: TCC is a policy advisory committee to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council on all regional matters pertaining to the movement of goods and people. TCC reviews the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and makes recommendations to the Regional Council. The TCC also provides recommendations on state and federal legislative proposals and administrative guidelines affecting planning and capital improvement programs for transportation and utilities.</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions Staff will continue to monitor progress of the SAFETEA bill.</p>	<p>MTA Position * N</p>
<p>Issue <i>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</i> Status on SAFETEA Bill</p>	<p>The House of Representatives and the Senate are debating over the proposed amount of this bill. The House would like to see the Bush Administration's \$247 B proposal be increased to \$375 B. The Senate's proposal is closer to \$311B. The specific components of the bill are not yet known. Appropriations will be determined after re-authorization occurs.</p>	<p>Staff will continue to monitor the development of this freight study.</p>
<p>National I-10 Freight Corridor Study</p>	<p>This study is a collaborative effort by the 8 states located along the Southern border of the United States, and is expected to be completed next year. The study focuses on truck freight movement along the I-10 Freeway corridor. The study aims to assess the economic implications of freight movement along the I-10, identify traffic and safety problems, and identify multi-modal strategies to facilitate freight flow.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>2004 RTIP Guidelines</p>	<p>On September 4, the TCC approved the release of the RTIP Guidelines and the approval process for RTIP Amendments.</p>	<p>No specified action planned. N/A</p>
<p>Comments on LAX Master Plan/EIR</p>	<p>Comment period was extended for another 75 days until November 7, 2003.</p>	<p>Staff will preview SCAG's Comments on the LAX Master Plan. N/A</p>

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ORGANIZATION: 6) Advanced Transit Vehicle Consortium (formerly Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium)		LEAD MTA STAFF: Cynthia Gibson PHONE NUMBER: (213) 922-4424
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: 1. Improving bus service through Advanced Technology High Capacity vehicles. 2. Improving air quality through ultra low and/or zero emission advanced technology vehicles. 3. Capturing economic benefits from manufacturing advanced technology vehicles. 4. Creating new high technology jobs.		MTA REPRESENTATIVES: Frank Roberts (MTA Rep) Yvonne Burke (At-Large) John Fasana (At-Large) Michael Antonovich (At-Large) Zev Yaroslavsky (At-Large)
Issue	Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)	6-Month Projected Actions Position *
Evaluation of Potential BRT Vehicles	Completed the trolleybus feasibility study and visited with manufacturers of advanced buses and trolleybuses. Participated with the SCAQMD in the testing of a fuel-cell bus.	Prepare presentation for the Board meeting regarding the trolleybuses. Initiate the acquisition of 3-5 demonstrator advanced hybrid buses for testing purposes. N/A

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 7.) California Association of Governments (CALCOG)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: David Yale PHONE NUMBER: (213) 922-2469</p>	
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: CALCOG's primary activities are to provide public policy advocacy and intergovernmental coordination with the state legislature, state agencies, the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, California's Congressional Delegation and federal officials. CALCOG serves as the regional transportation planning agency under state law and as the federal metropolitan (transportation) planning organization (MPO).</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: VACANT – The MTA Chairman and/or the MTA Board needs to assign an elected official to the CALCOG organization. MTA staff cannot serve in a voting capacity</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>	<p>MTA Position *</p>
<p>Increased transportation funding through legislation authorizing regional user fees.</p>	<p>CALCOG will focus on: (1) a ballot measure to reduce vote requirements for local tax measures on transportation from 2/3 to 55%, (2) a constitutional amendment to protect existing transportation funding and prevent the state from borrowing without prompt pay-back with interest, and (3) legislation to directly increase transportation through "user fees" which require only a majority vote of Legislature and no vote of the people, instead of the traditional gas tax increase.</p>	<p>MTA Position Pending Specific Legislative Proposal</p>
<p>Reauthorization of Federal Transportation Programs</p>	<p>CALCOG continues to monitor and address issues on the TEA-21 Reauthorization. However, it's become increasingly clear that there will not be legislation enacted to reauthorize federal transportation programs for another six-year period this year. Beginning October 1, 2003, there will be a five-month extension to TEA-21. There is an emerging consensus that the revenue increases necessary to develop a bill that could be broadly supported is not politically achievable this year and probably won't be until 2005. Therefore, CALCOG is now focusing on appropriations provided under legislation that will continue the existing law over the next two years.</p>	<p>S</p>
<p>Truck Weight Fees</p>	<p>Still unsettled in state legislation, and not enacted as part of the budget, is a proposal to reinstate truck weight fee revenues to what they were before 2000. A so-called technical revision in 2000 turned out to reduce state revenues by \$160 million or \$1 billion over a six-year transportation improvement cycle.</p>	<p>S</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 8.) Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469</p>	
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: RTPA is an advocacy organization which aims to build consensus among the regions on issues impacting every regional planning agency. With a coordinated and joint position, the RTPA speaks as a unified group, advocating for key issues to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and other bodies.</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: David Yale</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>	<p>MTA Position *</p>
<p>2004 STIP Fund Estimate</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions) In September, the CTC approved Fund Estimate assumptions. They also presented a schedule to adopt the Fund Estimate in December and adopt the STIP in August.</p>	<p>S</p>
<p>2004 STIP Guidelines</p>	<p>Draft Guidelines were submitted to the regions September 19, 2003.</p>	<p>S</p>
<p>2004 STIP Process</p>	<p>The CTC adopted a schedule for the 2004 STIP on September 25, 2003.</p>	<p>S</p>
<p>AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice Guidelines</p>	<p>The Guidelines were adopted by the CTC in August. Under AB 1335, a regional or local entity that is a lead applicant agency, may apply to the CTC for a letter of no prejudice for the TCRP project, allowing the regional or local entity to expend its own funds for any component of the transportation project. The MTA has requested that the Guidelines be written in a way that accepts MTA's action in amending TCRP projects into the STIP as qualification for an LONP. The CTC said they would review the MTA request and could amend the Guidelines.</p>	<p>Supports amendment to Guidelines to allow STIP backfill qualification</p>

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<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: RTPA is an advocacy organization which aims to build consensus among the regions on issues impacting every regional planning agency. With a coordinated and joint position, the RTPA speaks as a unified group, advocating for key issues to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and other bodies.</p>		
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>Garvee Bond County Caps</p>	<p>Three GARVEE bond proposals were approved by the CTC in September for Santa Clara, Riverside and San Diego counties. There is great potential for GARVEE's to allow a number of STIP projects to move forward which otherwise are on hold due to the lack of allocations. In September, CTC staff expressed interest in placing a tighter cap on the amount of GARVEE's that can be issued.</p>	<p>The MTA and the regions oppose placing a tighter limit on the use of GARVEE's, not wanting to artificially constrain the ability of projects to move forward. The MTA will have a \$188 million GARVEE financing proposal before the CTC for notice in October and approval in December.</p>
<p>STIP/SHOPP Allocations</p>	<p>The CTC forecasts no further state funding allocations for FY 2004. LA County has 59 STIP projects totaling \$332 million programmed to be allocated in FY 2004. Statewide there are nearly \$2 billion in STIP projects programmed for allocation in FY 2004. In August, the CTC allocated a constrained \$150 million for Caltrans right of way capital outlay expenditures for FY 04 statewide, while recognizing the needs have been identified at \$259 million.</p>	<p>RTPA will continue to monitor allocations criteria and the State funding problems and potential solutions. The MTA is sending a GARVEE/AB 3090 proposal to the CTC in October that will keep critical transportation construction projects on schedule in LA County.</p>
<p>Voting Threshold.</p>	<p>Members initiated an action to review the issue of decreasing the voting threshold on transportation sales tax measures to a simple majority. Because of the state funding deficit issues, these measures have taken on a higher priority.</p>	<p>Numerous pieces of legislation are attempting to address this issue this year (ACA 7 Dutra, ACA 9 Levine, ACA 14 Steinberg, and SCA 2 Torlakson). All measures are scheduled for the Nov. 2004 ballot.</p>
		<p align="center">MTA Position * S</p>

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ORGANIZATION: 9.) Self-Help Counties Coalition		LEAD MTA STAFF: Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: An advocacy organization relating to consensus positions on sales tax measures which support transportation programs.		PHONE NUMBER: MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: David Yale
Issue	Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)	6-Month Projected Actions
Streamline Cooperative Agreement Process	The team has set up measurement objects, and established ideas to breakdown "timeliness" issues and has prioritized ideas. In July, the committee chair reported that the database is up and running but they are still working on tracking the district and local processing time. The team was concerned about turn around and Caltrans reported that at this time there is less than 2 weeks turnaround time from headquarters. The customer survey will be ready next month. In September, Pollster Jim Moore stated that polling still looks good for lowering the vote requirement for special elections to 55% and raising it for general elections. Focus group research indicates that it should not apply to property taxes and should be limited to, at the most, three topics. The Self Help County Coalition will provide additional support dollars for a new poll to test the impact of adding to the statewide measure language that makes clear local measures on the same ballot pass with the new threshold. It appears that the proposition will not be ready until the November 2004 election. Legal counsel confirms that local measures on the same ballot as a statewide measure to change the vote requirement may pass with new 55% vote requirement. Statewide measure should mention that it is intended to apply to local measures on the same ballot.	CAST plans to complete process by 2 nd quarter FY 04.
Statewide Sales Tax Measure	In September, Pollster Jim Moore stated that polling still looks good for lowering the vote requirement for special elections to 55% and raising it for general elections. Focus group research indicates that it should not apply to property taxes and should be limited to, at the most, three topics. The Self Help County Coalition will provide additional support dollars for a new poll to test the impact of adding to the statewide measure language that makes clear local measures on the same ballot pass with the new threshold. It appears that the proposition will not be ready until the November 2004 election. Legal counsel confirms that local measures on the same ballot as a statewide measure to change the vote requirement may pass with new 55% vote requirement. Statewide measure should mention that it is intended to apply to local measures on the same ballot.	Staff will continue to monitor the progress of this measure.
Caltrans 10% Quality Assurance/Oversight fee	During August, the committee met to discuss funding for QA/Oversight by Caltrans on STIP Projects where Caltrans is not the implementing agency. QA is defined as a responsibility of the implementing agency, and the QA by Caltrans is in addition. QA is to be defined as limited to the portion of the project on the State Highway and funded by STIP funds.	Committee of regional agencies is working with Caltrans to finalize these responsibilities and its implementation. A final agreement will be complete by 2 nd quarter FY 04.
		MTA Position * N/A
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ORGANIZATION:		LEAD MTA STAFF: Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469
10.) SCAG Highway and Transportation Finance Task Force		PHONE NUMBER:
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This SCAG task force explores methods to deal with today's highway and infrastructure financing challenges, and works to maintain a continuous, comprehensive, and coordinated planning process.		MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: Hon. Hal Berson, City of Los Angeles Hon. Pam O'Connor, City of Santa Monica Hon. Beatrice Proo, City of Pico Rivera
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Revenue Impacts from State Budget Deficit	In late September, the House and Senate passed a five-month extension of TEA-21. Overall, the Bush proposal authorizes \$247 billion in funding for surface transportation programs, a modest increase over TEA-21 levels. Proposition 42 suspension, and other transportation funding cuts also continue to be a focus of this Task Force.	As the Task Force also continues to review impacts of the State shortfall, budget cuts, TCRP and Proposition 42 suspension, innovative financing will be emphasized due to budget constraints.
2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Financial Analysis	Guided by the Highway and Transportation Finance Task Force, the following plan was submitted for the Draft 2004 RTP strategic transportation funding proposal for TCC consideration: (1) Protect/Strengthen Existing Transportation Revenues including Proposition 42, (2) Lower Voter Approval Threshold for Local Transportation Sales Taxes/Continue Local Sales Taxes Where Necessary, (3) Maximize Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax and User Fee Revenue Through Pay-as-you-go and Debt Financing, (4) Pursue Revenue-Backed Project Financing as Appropriate, (5) Consider the Feasibility of HOT Lanes for New Facilities, and (6) Review Methods for Collecting Revenues from Alternative Fuel Vehicles. The baseline revenue forecast was devised and presented to the task force for review and approval in the 1 st quarter of FY 2004 for the 2004 RTP. (1) High Range: \$144 B, assumes no revenue impacts to the forecast from air quality policies/aging society, (2) Medium Range: \$123 B, assumes impacts to revenues from alternative fuels and greater fuel efficiency, (3) Low Range: \$120 B, assumes impacts to revenues from alternative fuels, fuel efficiency, and an aging society.	Staff will prepare comments on the Draft 2004 RTP for MTA Board review.
		MTA Position * N/A
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<p>ORGANIZATION: 11.) Transportation Enhancement Activities (TE) Advisory Committee</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This committee works to ensure Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) apportionments will continue to be allocated and administered to the regions efficiently, effectively, and timely, while maintaining administrative flexibility as well as local decision-making.</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBER: MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: David Yale</p>
<p>Issue <i>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</i></p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions <i>MTA Position *</i></p>
<p>TE Reform Implementation</p>	<p>The RTPA decided that it would need to stay engaged in this process as the guidelines are being drafted. The MTA will prepare an LA County TE STIP Amendment.</p> <p align="center">N</p>