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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECT: DRAFT STATE-FUNDED COMPONENT OF THE 2006
LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM**

ISSUE

The Board of Directors approved the \$687 million, 2006 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (LA County TIP) at its November 2005 meeting (Report #35). That action enables Metro to promptly meet state and federal programming deadlines and avoid project delays.

This report follows up on a request from the Board of Directors to report back on our progress securing \$314.7 million for the state-funded component of the 2006 LA County TIP. Attachment A to this report is a draft of the state-funded component of the 2006 LA County TIP. The final state-funded component of the 2006 LA County TIP must be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by January 30, 2006.

DISCUSSION

Due to the State's continuing financial challenges, unprecedented project cost increases, and the inability of the per gallon excise taxes on gas to keep pace with inflation, the 2006 State TIP Fund Estimate forecasted that local assistance and Caltrans operating and maintenance costs would consume all State Highway Account (SHA) funds. This means that capital improvement program items, such as the transportation capacity enhancing projects typically programmed in the State TIP, can no longer be paid with per gallon state and federal excise taxes on gas.

Instead of the usual practice of showing state and federal per gallon excise taxes in the State TIP, the CTC adopted a Fund Estimate for the 2006 State TIP that shows at least two-thirds of available funds coming from the Public Transportation Account (PTA). The PTA is a source of funds that is limited to transit capital uses and is ineligible for highway uses per state law.

The PTA is derived from the sales tax on gas, and not a per gallon excise tax. Consequently, PTA revenue growth keeps pace with inflation, which is unlike the per gallon excise taxes. PTA funding comes from the Proposition 42 gasoline sales tax, state inter-fund loan repayments, tribal gaming bond revenues and other sources such as the “spillover” – that portion of the sales tax on gas arising from growth over inflation.

As PTA funds in the State TIP are limited to transit capital uses only, the CTC staff has indicated that the availability and timing of funds will be conditioned upon the ability of a region or county to propose PTA-eligible projects. The 2006 State TIP Fund Estimate for Los Angeles County included approximately \$314.7 million of new funds. We are responding to the PTA eligibility problem by submitting the Exposition Light Rail Transitway (Expo) project between downtown Los Angeles and Culver City as the eligible transit project for all of these new funds. We then would redirect \$314.7 million of available funds currently programmed to the Expo project to help expedite Metro’s highway program instead. The alternative would be to submit PTA-ineligible highway projects to the California Transportation Commission and face the substantial risk that the State would provide no new funding in the 2006 State TIP process for Los Angeles County.

Our transit strategy has substantial rewards, but also carries administrative burdens and other risks for the eligible transit project involved, namely the Expo project. The Expo project is a high-priority rail transit capital improvement that will soon become a contractual commitment between Metro and the Exposition Construction Authority. Should the State fail to produce the 2006 State TIP funds for the Expo project, Metro will need to reprogram eligible funds assigned to expedite the Metro highway program back to the Expo project in order to complete the project on time. In the absence of any other new funds or unrelated highway project delays, the reprogramming of eligible funds back to the Expo project could result in highway projects not being expedited. If Metro does not execute this strategy, it will have the force and effect of not expediting our highway projects immediately anyway. Therefore, we believe that the administrative burdens and risks involved are worth the potential funding rewards for the Expo project and Metro’s highway program.

Approximately \$501.3 million that was programmed in the 2004 STIP will be reprogrammed with the \$314.7 million in new programming to make up the \$816 million non-Transportation Enhancement (TE) portion of the 2006 State TIP (Attachment A). In addition, \$37.5 million in TE funds from the 2004 STIP and \$19 of new TE fund will also be programmed for a total of \$56.5 million of TE funds in the 2006 State TIP (Attachment B). The Board of Directors previously programmed the \$19 million in new TE total to the Exposition Light Rail Transit (LRT) project in April 2005 and to other projects in the 2001 Call for Projects.

NEXT STEPS

The 2006 Los Angeles County Regional Improvement Program will be implemented according to the following schedule:

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| January 30, 2006 | Final 2006 LA County TIP submittal due to the CTC and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) |
| March 9, 2006 | CTC conducts South County State TIP Hearings in Los Angeles |

April 7, 2006	CTC Staff Releases 2006 State TIP Recommendations
April 27, 2006	CTC adopts the 2006 State TIP
August 3, 2006	SCAG approves Regional TIP
September 2006	Caltrans approves SCAG Regional TIP for submittal to US Department of Transportation
October 2006	US DOT approves Federal TIP, including 2006 LA County TIP projects

ATTACHMENT(S)

- A. State Funded Portion of the 2006 Los Angeles County State Transportation Improvement Program (Non-Transportation Enhancements)
- B. Transportation Enhancement Portion of 2006 Los Angeles County State Transportation Improvement Program

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

2006 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (NON TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT)

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Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	Project Totals by Fiscal Year					
					Prior	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Caltrans	5	3236	Soundwall, HOV Lanes, Rt 118-Rt 14	16,140	-	16,140	-	-	-	-
Caltrans	5	151E	HOV lanes, Rt 170-Rt 134 (Burbank Blvd) (TCRP #41)	41,904	-	3,404	38,500	-	-	-
Caltrans	5	158K	HOV lanes, Rt 170-Rt 118 (TCRP #41)	31,400	-	-	31,400	-	-	-
Caltrans	5	168M	Rt 5/14 HOV Connector	18,222	-	18,222	-	-	-	-
Caltrans	5	2808	Widening, Ora Co-Rt 605	226,393	-	-	-	217,594	8,799	-
Caltrans	5	2808A	Interch's, Ora Co-Rt 605 (RIP)(TCRP #42)	12,330	-	-	12,330	-	-	-
Caltrans	10	306H	HOV lanes, Rt 605-Puente (with AB 3090 repl \$)	38,064	-	-	38,064	-	-	-
Caltrans	10	309S	Soundwall, Puente to Citrus	2,746	-	-	-	-	2,746	-
Caltrans	101	2789	Van Nuys Blvd Off Ramps	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
Caltrans	138	3325	Widen, 60th St E-Ave I-8 (RIP), grf	3,505	-	3,505	-	-	-	-
Caltrans	138	3326	Widen, 77th St E-89th St E (RIP), grf	6,500	-	-	6,500	-	-	-
Caltrans	138	3327	Widen, 96th St E-106th E (RIP), grf	4,774	-	4,774	-	-	-	-
Caltrans	138	3328	Widen 126th St E-Longview Rd (RIP), grf	2,700	-	-	2,700	-	-	-
Caltrans	138	3331	Widen, various, PM 51.4-69.4 (RIP), grf	540	-	-	-	540	-	-
Caltrans	138	694Q	Widen, 175th St E-Largo Vista (RTIP)	7,622	-	-	-	7,622	-	-
Caltrans	405	831	Arbor Vitae interchange (96 grf) (RTIP)	30,391	-	-	-	-	30,391	-
LACMTA		9001	Planning, programming, and monitoring	21,382	-	3,885	4,042	4,353	4,484	4,618
LACMTA	rail	3225	Light rail vehicles (\$6m State only)	32,571	-	26,537	6,034	-	-	-
SCRRA	rail	3366	Rolling Stock Mfce Facility in S. Bernardino AB 3090 repl \$	3,128	-	3,128	-	-	-	-
			Total 2004 STIP Reprogramming to 2006 STIP	501,312	0	79,595	139,570	230,109	47,420	4,618
LACMTA	rail		Exposition Light Rail Transit Corridor (State Only)	314,653	-	-	83,800	84,600	98,820	47,433
			New Total STIP Programming	314,653	0	0	83,800	84,600	98,820	47,433
			Grand Total 2006 STIP Programming	815,965	0	79,595	223,370	314,709	146,240	52,051
			CTC PROGRAMMING TARGET	815,965	-	79,595	223,370	314,709	146,240	52,051

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2006 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS)

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Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						
					Prior	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	
Avalon	te	3627	Buena Vista pedestrian trail and bikeway	383	-	-	-	383	-	-	
Bellflower	te	3145	West Branch Greenway	1,457	-	1,457	-	-	-	-	
Compton	te	2869	Compton Crk bike path, Greenleaf-Artesia	388	-	-	-	388	-	-	
Compton	te	3150	Willowbrook rail corridor enhancement, ph 2	835	-	243	592	-	-	-	
Compton	te	3151	Central Av corridor enhancement	607	-	607	-	-	-	-	
Compton	te	3152	Alondra corridor enhancement	573	-	573	-	-	-	-	
Culver City	te	3153	Sepulveda Bl pedestrian improvements	291	-	-	-	291	-	-	
LA County	te	3404	San Jose Creek bicycle trail, phase 2	1,243	-	-	1,243	-	-	-	
Long Beach	te	3407	East/West bikeway connect and signage	827	-	827	-	-	-	-	
Long Beach	te	3408	PE RW bikeway and pedestrian improvements	1,110	-	1,110	-	-	-	-	
Long Beach	te	3409	Promenade streetscape/safety improvements	117	-	-	117	-	-	-	
Long Beach Transit	te	3632	Long Beach Transit: bus stop improvement	447	-	447	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3156	Taylor Yard bike path, bridge over LA River	2,861	-	744	2,117	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3161	Rt 101 fwy crossing at N Main St, phase 2	945	-	145	800	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3163	LA River bike path, phase 3A (construction)	1,365	-	-	-	1,365	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3164	E Hollywood pedestrian improvements	414	-	414	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3165	Fashion District streetscapes	1,065	-	1,065	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3177	North Hollywood streetscapes	1,051	-	1,051	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3179	East SF Valley trailhead parking and rest area	353	-	88	80	185	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3180	Sun Valley, Sunland Bl, San Fernando-Strathern	414	-	-	414	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3184	Exposition Bl RW bike path, westside extension	2,303	-	110	300	1,893	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3398	Hollywood media district, bus stop improvements	317	-	317	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3442	Pico Bl corridor, Rt 110-Hoover	642	-	642	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	3451	San Vicente/La Cienega median enhancement	239	-	-	-	239	-	-	
Los Angeles	te	5006	LA River bike path, phase 1C	1,525	-	-	-	1,525	-	-	
Valibu	te	3413	Cross Creek storm drain treatment facility	95	-	-	-	95	-	-	
Vonrovia	te	3414	Old Town pedestrian improvements	1,882	-	1,882	-	-	-	-	
MTA	te	3417	MacArthur Park station improvements	1,146	-	-	229	917	-	-	
MTA	te	3420	Culver City Exposition corridor bike path	532	-	532	-	-	-	-	
MTA	te	3447	Exposition Bl RW bikeway, phases 1 and 2	3,274	-	3,274	-	-	-	-	
MTA	te	3455	TE reserve	883	-	-	-	-	883	-	
Pasadena	te	3423	Civic Center/Mid-Town public improvements	2,832	-	283	2,549	-	-	-	
Pasadena	te	3424	Playhouse district streetscapes	925	-	925	-	-	-	-	
Rolling Hills E	te	3427	Deep Valley Drive streetscape	209	-	-	209	-	-	-	
San Fernando	te	3428	Maclay Av pedestrian master plan	901	-	901	-	-	-	-	
Santa Clarita	te	3127	Bike path, Rt 5-Fairways Dr	1,078	-	-	-	1,078	-	-	
Santa Monica	te	3431	Exposition Corridor Commuter Bike path	1,634	-	1,634	-	-	-	-	
			Total 2004 TE Reprogramming to 2006 STIP	37,163	0	19,271	8,650	8,359	883	0	

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Los Angeles	te	3452	Gayley Avenue Bike Lanes and Street	698	-	-	698	-	-	-
LA County	te	3453	South Bay Bike Trail Pedestrian/Walkways	217	-	-	217	-	-	-
LA County	te	3454	North Los Angeles County Bus Shelters	127	-	-	127	-	-	-
MTA	te	3447	Exposition BI R/W bikeway, phases 1 and 2	9,800	-	9,800	-	-	-	-
MTA	te	3455	TE reserve	7,856	-	-	-	-	7,856	-
Palmdale	te	3456	Sierra Bikeway Railroad Overcrossing	606	-	606	-	-	-	-
			New Total TE Programming	19,304		10,406	1,042		7,856	
			Grand Total 2006 TE Programming	56,467	0	29,677	9,692	8,359	8,739	0
			CTC PROGRAMMING TARGET	56,467		13,003	9,244	10,839	11,594	11,787