



# Metro

March 3, 2006

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: CAROL INGE, INTERIM CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER  
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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 Metro 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 2005-06 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ending December 31, 2005. As a regional transportation planning agency, Metro currently participates on the boards of nine organizations. The following report summarizes the roles and responsibilities, status, and progress of each organization.

Attachment

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
**2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005**

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Nalini Ahuja Patricia Chen (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041</p> <p><b>PHONE NUMBER:</b></p>	<p><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Frank Roberts/.....Maureen Micheline Don Knabe/..... Beatrice Proo Hal Bernson/.....Francine Oschin</p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> SCRRA is a Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. It's mission is to plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").</p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b> SCRRA staff to work with corridor cities, member agencies and other funding partners to generate awareness and support for an expanded Sealed Corridor Project.</p> <p>CEM standards were included in SCRRA's recent RFP for rolling stock vehicle acquisition. SCRRA expects to start taking delivery of these vehicles in 2008.</p> <p>SCRRA to continue to work with law enforcement agencies to increase staffing, presence and visibility. Agencies to work to streamline processes, communications and response times. SCRRA to continue to aggressively seek State and Federal security grant funds for needed security improvements.</p>	<p><b>Metro Position*</b> S S S</p>
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b> The SCRRA Board held their annual work session October 28-29 in Huntington Beach. The Board received presentations in three areas of particular interest:  Sealed Corridors – As a result of the January 2005 Glendale incident, SCRRA has been studying the Sealed Corridor concept. Sealed Corridor is an integrated approach to limit vehicle, pedestrian and other traffic along railroad corridors by limiting access to the right-of-way. It includes crossing closures, 4 quad gates, median separators, longer gate arms, innovative barriers perpendicular to the tracks, video enforcement, cameras, improved signage, etc.  Crash Energy Management (CEM) – CEM is a new design feature which builds crush zones into commuter rails cars. The crush zones improve passenger safety by absorbing the shock of a collision better than conventional rail cars. US DOT studies have shown that in the event of a collision, CEM trains can generally be expected to result in less fatalities than conventional trains.  Disaster Preparedness – A presentation was made on ways for transit agencies to better prevent, deter and respond to terrorist attacks.</p>	<p>Staff to continue to monitor fuel costs. Monitor for potential FY '06 budget amendment and additional subsidy requirement. SCRRA Board also likely to seek additional fuel related fare increase as part of FY '07 budget.</p>
<p>Board of Directors' Strategic Work Session</p>	<p>SCRRA had budgeted \$1.65 per gallon for FY '06. As of late October 2005, fuel had averaged \$2.37 per gallon, which is 39% over budget. This projects to a variance of approximately \$4 million for FY '06.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Diesel Fuel Cost Increase</p>		

3/2/2006 \*S = Support, O = Oppose, N = Neutral, NA = Not Applicable, and U = Undecided

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRRA)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Nalini Ahuja Patricia Chen (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041</p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> SCRRRA is a Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. It's mission is to plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").</p>	<p><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Frank Roberts/.....Maureen Micheline Don Knabe/.....Beatrice Proo Hal Bernson/.....Francine Oschin</p>
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b> Continue to monitor growth in ridership on Metrolink system. Three new rail cars from Altamont commuter Express (ACE) to be placed into service in January 2006 to help alleviate overcrowding conditions. Bids for new rail car procurement to be opened in January 2006.</p>
<p>Metrolink Ridership Update</p>	<p>Monthly ridership continues to grow and now averages approximately 42,000 boardings per weekday. This is a 7% increase over 2004 figures, and very impressive considering the cooling off of gasoline prices during late 2005.</p>
<p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b></p>	<p><b>Metro Position *</b> S</p>

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
***2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005***

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b></p> <p>2) Los Angeles-San Diego –San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b></p> <p>Patricia Chen Jay Fuhrman (213) 922-3041 (213) 922-2810</p>	<p><b>PHONE NUMBERS:</b></p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b></p> <p>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><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b></p> <p>VACANT Jacki Bacharach</p>	
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b></p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b></p>
<p>State Funding for LOSSAN Corridor Projects</p>	<p>At the December 7, 2005 LOSSAN Board meeting, the Board received an update on various State transportation funding proposals which could provide for capital improvements to the LOSSAN corridor. Caltrans held workshops in November regarding goods movement needs. In early January 2006, the Governor is expected to make a significant transportation proposal as part of his Go California initiative. There is likely to be a heavy emphasis on goods movement and ready-to-go projects; however, there might be as much as \$1 billion proposed for inter-city rail.</p>	<p>Staff to monitor Governor's Go California proposal in January 2006 to see which, if any, LOSSAN corridor capital improvement projects are included.</p>
<p>Pacific Surfliner Ridership (Amtrak)</p>	<p>There were 197,479 boardings on the Pacific Surfliner during December 2005. FY '06 year-to-date, ridership is up 4% and revenues up 12% over FY '05. On-time performance was 80%, the highest of any of the three State sponsored rail corridors in California.</p> <p>As a comparison, ridership on the Pacific Surfliner averages 6,500 boardings per day. Ridership on Metrolink averages 42,000 per weekday.</p>	<p>N/A – information only</p>
		<p><b>Metro Position*</b></p> <p>S</p> <p>N/A</p>

3/2/2006 \*S = Support, O = Oppose, N = Neutral, NA = Not Applicable, and U = Undecided

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 3) Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Douglas Kim Stacy Almeida (213) 922-2817 (213) 922-7414</p> <p><b>PHONE NUMBER:</b></p>	<p><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVE/ALTERNATE:</b> Todd Campbell / Cameron Smyth</p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 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. Metro represents its interests and those of LA County jurisdictions.</p> <p>The MSRC is composed of eight member agencies: Metro, 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><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b></p> <p>As an element of their FY 05-06 work program, the MSRC allocated \$1.25 million for the implementation of diesel exhaust after-treatment device retrofit program. Application for funding were accepted between October 4, 2005 through January 31, 2006. Qualified applications are ranked on a first-come, first-served basis. In October, the MSRC approved funding for 4 proposals from the County and City of Los Angeles totaling \$584,000. The total number of after-treatment devices funded is 158.</p> <p>At their July 28, 2005 meeting, the MSRC approved \$3.95 million in funding for Freeway Service Patrol as part of its FY05-06 work program. As part of this work program MTA received \$1.4 million in funding for new or expanded FSP service.</p> <p>On September 29, 2005, staff submitted a proposal for \$1,046,970 to re-power 100 CNG 40-foot transit buses with new lower emitting CNG engines.</p>	<p><b>Issue</b></p> <p>FY 2005-06 Annual Work Program</p> <p>MTA Funding of Freeway Service Patrol</p> <p>MSRC and AQMD Funding Award for MTA Buses</p>
<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b></p> <p>\$3 million in funding under the Local Government Match Program is expected to be awarded in February 2006.</p> <p>Development of Phase II of this year's work program will begin in February 2006.</p> <p>A contract has been developed and is awaiting approval from AQMD legal counsel.</p> <p>Staff will work with AQMD to respond to any questions regarding this proposal prior to the grant awards. Staff will continue to participate in other grant proposals as they become available.</p>	<p><b>Metro Position *</b></p> <p>N</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p>	

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 4) Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Douglas Kim Eric Carlson Cosette Stark (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069/ (213) 922-2822</p>	<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 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.  RTAC is composed of six voting members: Metro, 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><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b></p>	<p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>  Metro (on behalf of the CTCs) released an RFP for a regional Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program contractor, received proposals and began evaluation process to award a contract. GRH programs provide a ride home for people who use transit or carpool to work in the event of an emergency such as illness of the employee or employee's child. The Regional Rideshare Implementation Committee met in October and November to continue to coordinate rideshare service provision. The committee also continued discussion of 511 in relation to 1-800 Commute and the CommuteSmart.Info regional commute assistance website. The group also planned enhancements to the CommuteSmart.Info website. A regional committee was formed to discuss 511 development in Southern California and met in November.</p>	<p>Award contract to develop and implement a new regional GRH program.</p>	<p><b>Metro Position *</b> S</p>

3/2/2006 \*S = Support, O = Oppose, N = Neutral, NA = Not Applicable, and U = Undecided

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
***2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005***

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 5) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Douglas Kim Eric Carlson (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069</p> <p><b>PHONE NUMBER:</b></p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 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><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES:</b> John Fasana (SGVCOG) Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica) Bonnie Lowenthal (City of Long Beach) MTA Seat: Yvonne Burke</p>
<p><b>Issue</b> Proposed 2008 RTP Schedule and Approach</p> <p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b> At the Dec. 1, 2005 meeting, the TCC approved a recommendation to adopt a four-year RTP cycle, pursuant to the new requirements in the recently passed SAFETEA-LU legislation. The change would shift the next RTP adoption date from April 2007 to April 2008. A key advantage of adopting the four-year cycle is the ability to synchronize the air quality planning process with the transportation planning process. The additional year would also allow staff to take full advantage of SCAG's new and improved travel demand model.  Staff noted that the risk with going to a four-year cycle is that the region will be without a conforming RTP for a 12-month period, and this could potentially affect our ability to process RTIP amendments during that time. Staff indicated that SAFETEA-LU does have a provision for a one-year grace period before a conformity lapse occurs, and before the region would be at risk of losing any federal monies.</p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b> The Regional Council will vote on the Proposed 2008 RTP Schedule at their Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and, if adopted, staff will begin developing the RTP on a four-year cycle.  Staff will monitor the transition to a four-year RTP cycle to ensure there are no adverse impacts to MTA plans, programs, or projects</p> <p><b>Metro Position*</b> N</p>

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b></p> <p>5) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b></p> <p>Douglas Kim Eric Carlson (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069</p>	<p><b>PHONE NUMBER:</b></p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b></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><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES:</b></p> <p>John Fasana (SGVCOG) Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica) Bonnie Lowenthal (City of Long Beach) MTA Seat: Yvonne Burke</p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b></p> <p>Metro Legislative Affairs staff will continue to monitor state and federal legislation.</p>
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b></p> <p>On Oct. 10, 2005, SCAG staff made a presentation on the Port &amp; Modal Elasticity Study, conducted by UC Berkeley Professor Rob Leachman. The study provided an analysis of the "elasticity" of demand for the use of the Ports of LA and LB, in response to possible container fees. Key findings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shippers are more sensitive to landside congestion that slows freight movement than to the imposition of fees.</li> <li>• A fee of approx \$190 per FEU (forty-foot equivalent container unit) that retires bonds on an ambitious program of congestion relief appears to be a safe and effective investment.</li> <li>• The imposition of a container fee, up to a certain point, could actually help boost trade volume in Southern California if its invested in congestion relief.</li> <li>• Wisely invested fees could have the effect of attracting high-value freight and reducing lower value freight (which passes directly through the region without creating economic benefits).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Metro Position *</b></p> <p>N</p>
<p>Draft RTP/RTIP Amendment</p>	<p>On Dec. 1, 2005, the TCC approved the release of the Draft 2004 RTP/RTIP Amendment for 30-day public review. The Orange County Transportation Authority requested that SCAG amend the 2004 RTP to accomplish the following three things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the planned CenterLine light rail project (a TCM project) with a combination of bus rapid transit, commuter rail, local shuttle, and carpool improvements.</li> <li>• Delete the proposed Yorba Linda Metrolink station and designate the Fullerton Metrolink Station parking expansion project as a replacement TCM.</li> <li>• Revise the scope of the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South (SR-241) toll road project.</li> </ul>	<p>The Regional Council will vote to approve the final 2004 RTP/RTIP Amendment at the February 2, 2006 meeting.</p> <p>N</p>

3/2/2006 \*S = Support, O = Oppose, N = Neutral, NA = Not Applicable, and U = Undecided



**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 5) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Douglas Kim Eric Carlson (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069</p> <p><b>PHONE NUMBER:</b></p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 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><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES:</b> John Fasana (SGVCOG) Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica) Bonnie Lowenthal (City of Long Beach) MTA Seat: Yvonne Burke</p>
<p><b>Issue</b> I-405 Carpool Lane (LA County)</p> <p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b> On Dec. 1, 2005, Edward Andraos, Caltrans Project Engineer, made a presentation on the status of the I-405 NB carpool lanes and the remaining steps needed to complete the EIS process. Based on public input, the initial alternatives have been refined and narrowed to five that will be analyzed in the Draft EIR/EIS. The refined alternatives are: 1) No-build, 2) standard at-grade NB HOV Lane, 3) Standard at-grade NB and SB HOV Lanes, 4) four-lane viaduct structure, and 5) transit enhancement.</p> <p>A new consultant team was selected in June 2005 to assist Caltrans with public outreach efforts and in preparing the Draft EIR/EIS. He indicated that the document is anticipated to be circulated for public review in Fall 2006, and final approval is expected for Summer 2007.</p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b> Staff will continue to monitor the status of this project via internal project management and coordination with Caltrans.</p> <p align="right"><b>Metro Position*</b> S</p>
<p>Maglev Task Force Report</p> <p>Councilmember Lou Bone, City of Tustin, stated that the Maglev task Force approved the Cost Estimation Methodology presented by Lockheed Martin on November 10, 2005. The Maglev Orange Line has received a notice to proceed with issues for Task 1 -- Review of Existing Plans and Data of the Alternative Analysis along the Initial Operating Segment. Staff is working with Project Managers to finalize the remaining tasks of the Detailed Work Plan.</p>	<p>Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the Maglev Orange Line pre-deployment analysis.</p> <p align="right"><b>Metro Position*</b> N</p>

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>		<b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Richard Hunt
6) Advanced Transit Vehicle Consortium (formerly Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium)		<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-5815
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b>		
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.		
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>
Evaluation of advanced technology vehicles.	Staff continued working to finalize and execute a contract to deliver 6 hybrid electric vehicles.  Staff continued working with AQMD to underwrite a demonstration project using engines a blended Hydrogen Compressed Natural Gas (HCNG).  Staff and ATVC's consultant initiated a new workplan focused on reviewing technologies that are likely to meet future emission regulations.	Staff will work to move forward with the acquisition of hybrid vehicles for delivery in 2007.  Staff will work with AQMD to underwrite HCNG engine test program.
		<b>Metro Position *</b> N/A

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 7) California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG)		<b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2469
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 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 member agencies serve as regional transportation planning agencies under state law and as metropolitan (transportation) planning organizations (MPO) under federal law.		<b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> VACANT - The MTA Chairman and/or the MTA Board needs to assign an elected official to the CALCOG organization. Metro staff cannot serve in a voting capacity.
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>
SAFETEA-LU Implementation and GO California summarized.	Was named a top priority policy action for 2006.	Metro staff will continue to monitor the development of SAFETEA-LU legislation changes for California.
Establishing a Prop. 42 firewall	Was named the top priority policy action for 2006.	Metro staff will continue to monitor the development of the Prop. 42 Firewall legislation.
SB 1024	Regional Blueprint Implementation Funding (SB 1024) now contains language to implement regional blueprint plans.	Metro staff will continue to monitor and potentially work with author on the refinement of SB 1024.
		<b>Metro Position *</b> N (Metro staff will recommend support)  S  N

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 8) Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469</p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 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><b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> David Yale</p> <p><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> David Yale</p>
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b></p>
<p>TCRP Funds</p> <p>The CTC approved \$169.2 million Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Funds for the following three projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$98 million for TCRP Project # 38.1 to reimburse a previously approved AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) for the Metro Orange Line.</li> <li>• \$68.7 million for TCRP project # 54.1-Alameda Corridor East; grade separations on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines; and</li> <li>• \$2.5 million for TCRP project #49.1-Hollywood Intermodal Transportation Center; Adaptive Traffic Control System (ATCS).</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the CTC approved two AB 1335 Letters of No Prejudice (LONPs) totaling \$11.4 million for local funds to be expended in anticipation of future reimbursement for the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) projects that are already underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.8 million for TCRP Project #51 - Route 101/405 Auxiliary Lane Project, which is currently budgeted at \$45.7 million and is scheduled to be completed by June 2008.</li> <li>• \$9.6 million for TCRP Project #52 - Route 405 HOV Lanes from Waterford to I-10, which is currently budgeted at \$50.0 million and is scheduled to be completed by December 2009.</li> </ul>	<p>Metro staff will request \$222 million in TCRP funds for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project. \$14 million for a LONP repayment and \$208 million for a direct allocation.</p> <p align="right">N/A</p>

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b></p> <p>8) Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469</p> <p><b>PHONE NUMBER:</b></p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b></p> <p>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><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> David Yale</p>
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b></p>
<p><b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b></p>	<p><b>Metro Position *</b></p>
<p>Following the approval by the Metro Board, the CTC approved the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for TCRP Project # 37.2 Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit, so as to allow future consideration of state funding.</p>	<p>This is an important approval because Metro already has requested a TCRP allocation of \$208.1 million for project construction and a reimbursement of \$14 million on a TCRP LONP for preliminary engineering activities for the project to be considered for approval at the CTC's March 16, 2006 meeting.</p>
<p>Expo Line</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>STIP Funds</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>The \$1.81 billion, 2006 STIP Fund Estimate assumes almost three-quarters (\$1.3 billion) of its funds from the Public Transportation Account (PTA). The remainder consists of State Highway Account SHA (SHA) funds and Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. The SHA funds have been prioritized for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for safety and maintenance projects.</p> <p>The PTA funding source is specifically tied to transit-related uses only and is subject to annual appropriations from the State Budget. PTA funding may be diverted for General Fund needs of the State. Recent diversions of PTA funds are to be repaid from the proceeds of the tribal gaming bonds authorized under AB 687, which is currently in litigation.</p>	<p>January 30 2006 - Final ITIP and RTIP's submittals due to the CTC</p> <p>February 17 2006 - Updated Fact and Funding sheets are due to Caltrans HQ</p> <p>March 9 2006 - CTC conducts South STIP Hearings (Los Angeles)</p> <p>April 7 2006 - CTC STIP Staff Recommendations on 2006 STIP candidates</p> <p>April 27 - CTC adopts the 2006 STIP</p>

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 8) Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)</p>	<p><b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469</p>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 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><b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> David Yale</p>
<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>6-Month Projected Actions</b></p>
<p>RTPA</p> <p>The Regional Transportation Planning Agencies' (RPTAs) meeting reported the potential risk to the highway program as the majority of the funds for the 2006 STIP are sourced from the PTA account which restricts the use of these funds for transit purposes only.</p> <p><u>Obligation Authority</u> Caltrans staff presented updates on the federal obligation risks and the ongoing RTPA committee reviewed various redistribution proposals for providing better accountability of funds. Los Angeles County had delivered 120% of its Federal FY 2005 target.</p> <p><u>Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) Funding</u> The RTPA Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) Committee has developed a consensus-based approach to bring more certainty to PPM funds for the local agencies. Metro staff successfully received their PPM request for \$3.7 million.</p>	<p><b>Metro Position*</b></p> <p>Countywide Planning staff is continuing to work closely with this RTPA to provide analysis on the funding impacts to the STIP.</p>

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 9) Self-Help Counties Coalition		<b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> An advocacy organization relating to consensus positions on sales tax measures which support transportation programs.		<b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> David Yale
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>
SHCC Legislative Agenda	The Self-Help Counties Coalition (SHCC) Coalition Legislative Agenda will primarily focus on opposing the suspension of Proposition 42 funds in FY 2007 and providing ongoing legislative support to transportation agencies that are developing a dedicated sales tax for transportation in their region. In addition, the SHCC had a presentation from Jim Earp representing the California Alliance for Jobs on their campaign to protect Proposition 42. Jim also gave the group an overview on the Infrastructure Bond Initiatives circulating at the moment including SB 1024 by Assemblyman Perata, which includes approximately \$12.5 billion for transportation projects.	Metro staff will continue to monitor the development of the Prop. 42 protection and firewall legislation and continue to provide analysis of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan and other Infrastructure Bond proposals.
		<b>Metro Position *</b> N



**Metro**

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

213.922.2000 Tel  
metro.net

March 3, 2006

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: CAROL INGE, INTERIM CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER  
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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 Metro 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 2005-06 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ending December 31, 2005. As a regional transportation planning agency, Metro currently participates on the boards of nine organizations. The following report summarizes the roles and responsibilities, status, and progress of each organization.

Attachment



## METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS 2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)		<b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Nalini Ahuja Patricia Chen (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> SCRRA is a Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. It's mission is to plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").		<b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Michael Antonovich/..... Robert Bartlett Frank Roberts/.....Maureen Micheline Don Knabe/..... Beatrice Proo Hal Bernson/.....Francine Oschin
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>
Board of Directors' Strategic Work Session	The SCRRA Board held their annual work session October 28-29 in Huntington Beach. The Board received presentations in three areas of particular interest:  Sealed Corridors – As a result of the January 2005 Glendale incident, SCRRA has been studying the Sealed Corridor concept. Sealed Corridor is an integrated approach to limit vehicle, pedestrian and other traffic along railroad corridors by limiting access to the right-of-way. It includes crossing closures, 4 quad gates, median separators, longer gate arms, innovative barriers perpendicular to the tracks, video enforcement, cameras, improved signage, etc.  <u>Crash Energy Management (CEM)</u> – CEM is a new design feature which builds crush zones into commuter rails cars. The crush zones improve passenger safety by absorbing the shock of a collision better than conventional rail cars. US DOT studies have shown that in the event of a collision, CEM trains can generally be expected to result in less fatalities than conventional trains.  <u>Disaster Preparedness</u> – A presentation was made on ways for transit agencies to better prevent, deter and respond to terrorist attacks.	SCRRA staff to work with corridor cities, member agencies and other funding partners to generate awareness and support for an expanded Sealed Corridor Project.  CEM standards were included in SCRRA's recent RFP for rolling stock vehicle acquisition. SCRRA expects to start taking delivery of these vehicles in 2008.  SCRRA to continue to work with law enforcement agencies to increase staffing, presence and visibility. Agencies to work to streamline processes, communications and response times. SCRRA to continue to aggressively seek State and Federal security grant funds for needed security improvements.
Diesel Fuel Cost Increase	SCRRA had budgeted \$1.65 per gallon for FY '06. As of late October 2005, fuel had averaged \$2.37 per gallon, which is 39% over budget. This projects to a variance of approximately \$4 million for FY '06.	Staff to continue to monitor fuel costs. Monitor for potential FY '06 budget amendment and additional subsidy requirement. SCRRA Board also likely to seek additional fuel related fare increase as part of FY '07 budget.
		<b>Metro Position *</b>
		S  S  N/A

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
**2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005**

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)		<b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Naini Ahuja Patricia Chen (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> SCRRA is a Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. It's mission is to plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").		<b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Frank Roberts/.....Maureen Micheline Don Krabe/.....Beatrice Proo Hal Bemson/.....Francine Oschin
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>
Metrolink Ridership Update	Monthly ridership continues to grow and now averages approximately 42,000 boardings per weekday. This is a 7% increase over 2004 figures, and very impressive considering the cooling off of gasoline prices during late 2005.	Continue to monitor growth in ridership on Metrolink system. Three new rail cars from Altamont commuter Express (ACE) to be placed into service in January 2006 to help alleviate overcrowding conditions. Bids for new rail car procurement to be opened in January 2006.
		<b>Metro Position*</b> S

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
***2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2005***

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 2) Los Angeles-San Diego –San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)		<b>LEAD STAFF:</b> Patricia Chen Jay Fuhrman (213) 922-3041 (213) 922-2810	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> LOSSAN is a Joint Powers Authority composed of OCTA, MTA, NTCD, 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.		<b>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> VACANT Jacki Bacharach	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>Metro Position*</b>
State Funding for LOSSAN Corridor Projects	At the December 7, 2005 LOSSAN Board meeting, the Board received an update on various State transportation funding proposals which could provide for capital improvements to the LOSSAN corridor. Caltrans held workshops in November regarding goods movement needs. In early January 2006, the Governor is expected to make a significant transportation proposal as part of his Go California initiative. There is likely to be a heavy emphasis on goods movement and ready-to-go projects; however, there might be as much as \$1 billion proposed for inter-city rail.	Staff to monitor Governor's Go California proposal in January 2006 to see which, if any, LOSSAN corridor capital improvement projects are included.	S
Pacific Surfliner Ridership (Amtrak)	There were 197,479 boardings on the Pacific Surfliner during December 2005. FY '06 year-to-date, ridership is up 4% and revenues up 12% over FY '05. On-time performance was 80%, the highest of any of the three State sponsored rail corridors in California.  As a comparison, ridership on the Pacific Surfliner averages 6,500 boardings per day. Ridership on Metrolink averages 42,000 per weekday.	N/A – information only	N/A

