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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE *RS*
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: MATT RAYMOND *MR*
CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

SUBJECT: GOODS MOVEMENT ACTION PLAN

ISSUE

The State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) and Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) have been developing a Goods Movement Action Plan for the State and have asked for input on the development of a list of high priority goods movement projects.

BACKGROUND

Early this year, BTH and Cal/EPA initiated a Goods Movement Action Plan development process that brought together several stakeholders to formally meet and discuss issues associated with goods movement in the state. A Phase I report was released in September that focused on the “why” and “what” of California’s goods movement needs. Shortly thereafter, five working groups were formed to examine the following issues: Infrastructure, Community Impact/Workforce, Public Health/Environmental Impact, Homeland Security/Public Safety and Innovative Finance/Alternative Funding.

These Working Groups have been meeting in Sacramento and Los Angeles over the last two months to outline the “how, when and who” elements of the Goods Movement Action Plan. The Infrastructure Working Group recently developed a list of high priority goods movement projects around the state. Approximately fifteen projects amounting to \$14.4 billion were identified, of which seven projects amounting to \$12.8 billion were in Los Angeles County. The list, in its current state is attached to this report.

On Wednesday, November 9, 2005, the Infrastructure Working Group co-chair requested that stakeholders who wished to recommend projects submit lists by this Friday November 18, 2005. Although key projects such as the I-710 Corridor and Gerald Desmond Bridge replacement projects were included in this list, staff would like to recommend including

several other critical projects from Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan. The attached letter presents the additional projects that staff is recommending for inclusion in the list.

NEXT STEPS

Government Relations staff will continue participating in the upcoming meetings and will follow the status of the request to include these projects. Staff will provide the Board with updated information, as it is available. This process is intended to be the forum by which a strategy for the state will be proposed by the Administration. Ultimately, measures will have to be introduced in the Legislature to implement any of the recommendations arising from this group.

Attachment: List of Statewide Goods Movement Action Plan Projects
Letter to Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak

GOODS MOVEMENT ACTION
August 1, 2005

KEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

San Pedro Bay to Border Corridor

County/Location	Project Title/Description	Cost (in millions)	Short/Mid/Long Term	Primary Impact	Amount Programmed (in millions)	Project Status
Los Angeles 710	Interstate 710 Corridor Improvements (including dedicated truck lanes)	\$5,500	Long	Increases capacity	\$7.9	Design
Los Angeles 710	Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement	\$605	Mid	Increases capacity	\$105.0	
Los Angeles 47	Alameda Corridor State Route 47 Expressway (includes Schuyler Heim Bridge replacement)	\$420	Short	Increases capacity	\$246.0	
Los Angeles, Orange Riverside, San Bernardino	Alameda Corridor East - Grade Separations, Grade Crossing Improvements (Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific lines)	\$2,500	Short	Mitigates impact	\$723.2	Construction - 5 projects Design-4 projects
Los Angeles, Orange Riverside, San Bernardino	Rail capacity improvements, including mitigation measures (g., completion of BNSF third main track, Fullerton to Los Angeles - \$180 million)	\$3,400	Mid	Increases capacity	\$85.55	\$40.7 under construction
Port of Los Angeles	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach Near Dock Facility	\$176	Short	Increases capacity	\$0.0	
San Bernardino	Colton Crossing Rail Grade Separation (Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific lines)	\$150	Mid	Improves operations	\$0.0	
Total		\$12,751				

Bay Area Corridor

County/Location	Project Title/Description	Cost (in millions)	Short/Mid/Long Term	Primary Impact	Amount Programmed (in millions)	Project Status
Solano 80/680/12	Interstate 80/Interstate 680/State Route 12 Interchange Improvements	\$706	Long	Improves operations	\$41.5	Design
Alameda 580	I-580 Eastbound Truck Climbing Lane	\$65	Long	Improves operations	\$0.0	
Port of Oakland	Joint Intermodal Terminal and Union Pacific Intermodal Facility Access Improvements	\$12	Short	Enhances access	\$0.0	Engineering Complete
Port of Oakland	Reconstruction of 7th Street/Union Pacific Grade Separation	\$69	Short	Improves operations	\$0.0	Environmental
Total		\$852				

San Diego Corridor

County/Location	Project Title/Description	Cost (in millions)	Short/Mid/Long Term	Primary Impact	Amount Programmed (in millions)	Project Status
San Diego 905	State Route 905 Six-Lane Freeway (from Mexico border/Olay Mesa Port of Entry to Interstate 805)	\$424	Short	Enhances access	\$234.0	Begin Construction 05/06
Total		\$424				

Central Valley Corridor

County/Location	Project Title/Description	Cost (in millions)	Short/Mid/Long Term	Primary Impact	Amount Programmed (in millions)	Project Status
San Joaquin 580	I-580 Westbound Truck Climbing Lane	\$70	Long	Improves operations	\$1.0	
Tulare 99	Goshen to Kingsburg, Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	\$134	Mid	Increases capacity	\$8.5	Environmental
Tulare 99	Prosperity Avenue to Goshen, Widen 4 to 6 lanes	\$126	Mid	Increases capacity	\$10.0	Environmental
Total		\$330				

Total for Corridors

\$14.4 Billion

Additional projects for consideration:

- * Santa Paula Branch Line Gap Closure: \$250 million to support enhanced throughput from Port Hueneme to UP and BNSF lines in Los Angeles County.
- * High Desert Corridor: New goods movement corridor connecting SR 14 and I-15 in high desert area of Los Angeles County.



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November 18, 2005

Sunne Wright McPeak
Secretary of Business, Transportation & Housing Agency
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Dear Secretary McPeak:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), I would like to express our gratitude for the process you have put forth to develop a Goods Movement Action Plan for the State of California. I am hopeful that through our partnership we can develop a plan that helps to support this vital segment of our economy and balances the impacts on local communities.

As you know this process has identified a number of important projects in Los Angeles County that would be vital infrastructure improvements. At this time I would like to submit an additional list of high priority projects from Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan to be included in the Goods Movement Action Plan. If funded, these projects would produce significant benefits by reducing traffic congestion within the goods movement corridors and of providing environmental benefits to the communities affected by the goods movement industry.

- (1) I-5 Carmenita Road Interchange
- (2) Expansion of the I-5 from I-605 to Orange County Line
- (3) I-5 Rail Grade Crossings between I-605 and SR-91
- (4) I-5 to SR-14 Interchange to Calgrove Avenue
- (5) I-5 North County Corridor Plan
 - a. SR-14 to SR-126 West truck lanes
 - b. SR-126 west to Kern County

Additionally, Metro, in partnership with other Southern California agencies has initiated a Multi-County Goods Movement Study that will develop more specific recommendations for improvements in the region. We would like to collaborate with your office to include these proposals in the State's Goods Movement Action Plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Michael Turner at (213) 922-2122.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger Snoble
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Gwen Striver, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency