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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FROM: CAROL INGE, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER 
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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 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 3rd Quarter ending March 31, 2006. 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.

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Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS
3rd Quarter, ending March 31, 2006

<p>ORGANIZATION:</p> <p>1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)</p>	<p>LEAD STAFF:</p> <p>Nalini Ahuja Patricia Chen (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBER:</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</p> <p>SCRRA is a Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. Its mission is to plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").</p>	<p>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</p> <p>Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Frank Roberts/.....Maureen Micheline Don Knabe/..... Beatrice Proo Hal Bernson/.....Francine Oschin</p>	<p>Metro Position*</p> <p>S</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>FY '07 Fare Adjustment</p>	<p>On January 27, 2006, the SCRRA Board voted to approve a public review process for a proposed fare adjustment, effective July 1, 2006. Previously, the SCRRA Board had approved a 10-year fare restructuring program with average annual increases not to exceed 3.5% in any year. Due to significant fuel cost increases (55% over budgeted for FY '06), staff is proposing a 5.5% fare increase effective FY '07.</p>	<p>Public comment occurred in March 2006. A 5.5% fare increase is being factored into the draft FY '07 budget, which will be transmitted to member agencies (Metro) in April 2006. Metro to approve its portion of the SCRRA budget in May 2006. SCRRA Board to adopt the full FY '07 budget in June 2006.</p>
<p>Sealed Corridor Program – Approval of Evaluation Criteria</p>	<p>On February 24, 2006, the SCRRA Board voted to approve evaluation criteria for a competitive bid process to conduct engineering consulting services in support of Phase I of the Sealed Corridor Program.</p> <p>The Sealed Corridor Program was initiated as a result of the Glendale incident in January 2005. It will use strategies such as four quadrant gates, median separators, longer gate arms, innovative barriers perpendicular to the tracks, video enforcement, cameras, improved signage, etc. as a way to limit access to the right-of-way.</p> <p>The Phase I study will evaluate crossings at 63 intersections along the Ventura County and Antelope Valley lines.</p>	<p>Award contract in March 2006 and complete Phase I evaluation by June 30, 2006.</p> <p>S</p>

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<p>Issue</p> <p>Commuter Rail Car Procurement - Award Contract</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>On February 24, 2006, the SCRRA Board voted to approve a contract with Rotem Company in amount not to exceed for \$306 million for commuter rail cars. Initially, SCRRA will exercise a base order for \$176 million for 87 cars, plus options 1 and 2 (\$36 million) for 20 additional cars.</p> <p>Rotem was the lowest responsive bidder. Bombardier, maker of SCRRA's current rail car fleet, was the next lowest respondent, at \$389 mill</p> <p>Rotem was formed in 1999 and is owned by Hyundai. Rotem has built over 4,000 rail cars for transit organizations in 31 countries. The Rotem bid meets the requirements of the Buy America Act. Sixty-two percent of the components are American, and final assembly will be done in Philadelphia.</p> <p>Crash Energy Management (CEM) requirements have been incorporated into the specifications to improve passenger safety. The vehicles will include energy absorbing couplers, anti-climbers, and an energy absorbing front-end structure (crush zones).</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>Notice to Proceed to be issued in March 2006. Delivery of cars expected to commence in late 2008. In the interim, SCRRA will continue to lease cars from Sound Transit and Altamont Commuter Express (ACE).</p>
		<p>Metro Position*</p> <p>S</p>

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<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>Diesel Fuel Purchase</p>	<p>On March 10, 2006, the SCRRRA Board voted to award a contract with a value of up to \$25,000,000 with BP West Coast Products to provide Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel through June 30, 2007.</p> <p>SCRRRA had previously partnered with Metro to take advantage of volume pricing. However, Metro's diesel fuel purchases have decreased due to its CNG purchases. SCRRRA is now a larger volume diesel customer than Metro.</p> <p>SCRRRA had budgeted \$1.65 per gallon for fuel for FY 2005-06. Fuel costs have risen dramatically (as high as \$2.93 per gallon), which projects to a budget variance for '06 of approximately \$4 million dollars. The BP contract will allow SCRRRA to purchase all or a part of its fuel using long-term contracts, which would provide a higher degree of price certainty than previously.</p>	<p>SCRRRA to establish internal review committee to review staff recommendations and may lock into price locks if advantageous to SCRRRA.</p>
		<p>Metro Position* S</p>

5/4/2006 *S = Support, O = Oppose, N = Neutral, NA = Not Applicable, and U = Undecided

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 2) Los Angeles-San Diego –San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)</p>	<p>LEAD STAFF: Patricia Chen Jay Fuhrman (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>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: VACANT Jacki Bacharach</p>
<p>Issue</p> <p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>At the February 13, 2006 LOSSAN Board meeting, the Board discussed meetings and a reception held with key legislators in Sacramento on January 26, 2006. The meetings were coordinated with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, and Amtrak.</p> <p>The purpose of the meetings was to focus attention on passenger rail and the importance of including rail improvements in the current infrastructure bond proposals (see below). A fact sheet identifying \$1.7 billion in LOSSAN corridor capital needs was distributed to key legislators. The Board recommended that these joint visits to Sacramento be done on a regular basis.</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>Staff to work with key legislators to ensure funds are included for inter-city rail capital needs in infrastructure bond proposals (see below).</p>
<p>Infrastructure Bond Proposals</p> <p>On January 10, 2006, the Governor released his GoCalifornia proposal, an initial \$6 billion bond initiative, which includes \$500 million for inter-city passenger rail improvements. \$360 million is for LOSSAN corridor improvements, primarily triple track and grade separations between Union Station and Fullerton. The Governor wishes to take his proposal to the voters in a ballot initiative in November 2006.</p> <p>SB-1024 (Perata) and AB-1783 (Nunez) were also recently introduced and would provide unspecified amounts of bond funds for transportation capital improvements. These bills will be subject to upcoming hearings and negotiations which will refine specific projects to be included.</p>	<p>Metro Position*</p> <p>S</p> <p>Staff to monitor upcoming legislative hearings on the Perata and Nunez bills, and to advocate for inclusion of funds for inter-city rail projects.</p> <p>S</p>

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<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</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>METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</p> <p>VACANT Jacki Bacharach</p>
<p>Issue</p> <p>Pacific Surfliner Ridership (Amtrak)</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>Ridership continued to be strong on the Pacific Surfliner during the third quarter. January ridership was 30% higher than January 2005. February ridership was 27% higher than February 2005, and fiscal year-to-date ridership (10/5 – present) is 12% higher than FY '05. On-time performance is averaging 78%, less than the 85% goal established by Caltrans. Many of the delays are attributable to train congestion.</p>
<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>N/A – information only</p>	<p>Metro Position*</p> <p>N/A</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 3) Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)</p>	<p>LEAD STAFF: Douglas Kim Stacy Alameida (213) 922-2817 (213) 922-7414</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. 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>METRO REPRESENTATIVE/ALTERNATE: Todd Campbell / Cameron Smyth</p>
<p>Issue</p> <p>FY 2005-06 Annual Work Program</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>Under the Phase I work program, the MSRC awarded over \$13.4 million in contracts for the following programs: Local Government Match (\$5.5 million), Diesel Exhaust After treatment (\$850,000), Alt-fuel Infrastructure (\$1.3 million), CNG School Bus Incentives (\$1.7 million), FSP (\$3.9 million), and Regional Vanpool Incentive (\$175,000).</p> <p>In March, the MSRC allocated \$5 million for Phase II of the FY 2005-06 work program. Programs receiving funding include \$1 million for the Local Government Match program, \$2 million in additional funding for the continuation of the CNG School Bus Incentives and \$2 million to fund Advanced Technology Heavy Duty Natural Gas Engines. An additional \$2 million of remains available to supplement existing FY05-06 programs or for rollover to the FY06-07 work program.</p>
	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>In May, the development of the FY 2006-07 work program begins. AQMD Governing Board Adoption of this work program is scheduled for Fall 2006.</p>
	<p>Metro Position*</p> <p>N</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 4) Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)</p>	<p>LEAD STAFF: Douglas Kim Eric Carlson Cosette Stark (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069/ (213) 922-2822</p> <p>PHONE:</p> <p>METRO REPRESENTATIVE: None</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.</p> <p>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>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2006 at MTA Headquarters. The main topic for this meeting will be a presentation on the status of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.</p>	<p>Metro Position* S</p>
<p>Issue</p> <p>March RTAC Meeting</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>On March 17, 2006, members of the RTAC met and focused discussion on three regional issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) SCAG staff provided an update on SCAG's Regional Growth Forecast, and the committee provided some suggestions to ensure a "bottoms up" approach is taken; (2) Members of the committee provided an update on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan, and an update on the Goods Movement MOU with Federal and State agencies; and (3) SCAG staff provided and update on the next RTP Update, and stated that the federal government has decided to implement the financial constraint rule so that each time RTP is amended, resulting in a change in a project, the RTP will need to be changed. Staff indicated this would likely result in more administration, fewer TIP amendments, and increased project costs. 	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2006 at MTA Headquarters. The main topic for this meeting will be a presentation on the status of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.</p>	<p>Metro Position* S</p>	

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 5) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</p>	<p>LEAD STAFF: Douglas Kim Eric Carlson (213) 922-2817 / (213) 922-3069</p> <p>PHONE NUMBER:</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>METRO REPRESENTATIVES: John Fasana (SGVCOG) Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica) Bonnie Lowenthal (City of Long Beach) MTA Seat: Yvonne Burke</p>
<p>Issue Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Related to Goods Movement</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions The task force will follow-up with all the involved agencies and attempt to get the MOU signed in the next few months. SCAG staff will help coordinate this effort with EPA and state and local air agencies to coordinate the roles of the various contributors to the 2007 SIP air quality strategy.</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions) SCAG staff briefed the committee on the status of the local/state/federal MOU related to the environmental impacts of goods movement in the Southern California region. On January 23-25, 2006, regional stakeholders in Goods Movement, including SCAG and members of various transportation commissions, attended a series of meetings in Washington DC to ensure the participation of key federal agencies in a proposed MOU – to develop a collaborative strategy for addressing the environmental effects of increased goods movement within the region. These meetings developed out of a May 2005 Workshop/Dialogue on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which specifically focused Southern California’s increasing goods movement and the need to simultaneously meet federal clean air standards. The January meetings resulted in a proposal to develop an MOU among all the affected levels of government – local/regional, state and federal – to promote cooperation and assist in early scoping efforts of a systematic strategy for addressing goods movement and related environmental and community concerns.</p>	<p>Metro Position* N</p>
<p>Final 2004 RTP /RTIP Amendment</p>	<p>No actions planned.</p>	<p>On Feb. 2, 2006, the TCC unanimously approved the 2004 RTP/RTIP Amendment. The Orange County Transportation Authority requested that SCAG amend the 2004 RTIP to accomplish the following three things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the planned CenterLine light rail project (a TCM project) with a combination of bus rapid transit, commuter rail, local shuttle, and carpool improvements. • Delete the proposed Yorba Linda Metrolink station and designate the Fullerton Metrolink Station parking expansion project as a replacement TCM. • Revise the scope of the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South (SR-241) toll road project. 	<p>NA</p>

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<p>Issue</p> <p>SB 1024 (Perata) - The Safe Facilities, Improved Mobility, Disaster Preparedness and Clean Air Bond Act of 2005</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>On Feb. 2, 2006, staff provided an overview of the two major infrastructure proposals: SB 1024 and the Governor's Bond Proposal.</p> <p>SB 1024 (Perata): The Safe Facilities, Improved Mobility, Disaster Preparedness and Clean Air Bond Act of 2005 proposes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.2 billion for flood protection • \$2.3 billion to repay transportation loans • \$1.5 billion for regions to fund high priority projects • \$2.5 billion to relieve traffic and improve security and air quality at CA ports • \$1 billion for incremental approach to high speed rail • \$1.25 billion to provide incentives for more infill and transit oriented development, and • \$425 million for Affordable housing incentives, and \$100 million for Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program 	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>SCAG, Metro and regional agencies will advocate placing this measure before the voters in Fall 2006. Staff will continue to monitor the progress of this bill.</p>
<p>Governor's Bond Proposal</p>	<p>The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan would invest \$222 billion in infrastructure improvements over the next 20 years. Approximately half (\$107 billion) would be targeted for state system transportation purposes over the next 10 years, and \$68 billion would be financed through General Obligation (GO) bonds through a series of elections between 2006 and 2014.</p> <p>If approved by voters, the bonds would provide \$12 billion for Transportation and Air quality improvements between 2006-07 and 2016-17.</p>	<p>Metro Position *</p> <p>S</p> <p>Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the Governor's Bond Proposal that could be placed before voters in November 2006.</p>

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<p>Issue Summary of the 2006-07 Governor's Budget</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the proposed Governor's Budget.</p>
<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions) On Feb. 2, 2006, SCAG staff presented a summary of the Governor's budget which was unveiled on January 10, 2006. Highlights of the Budget proposal included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.406 billion - Full funding of the 2006-07 Prop 42 funds • \$920 million - Early repayment of 2004-05 Prop 42 funds • \$1 billion in Indian Gaming bonds • \$2 billion in 2005-07 SAFETEA-LU apportionments • \$3.5 billion in traditional gas and diesel excise tax revenues • \$11.5 billion for Caltrans / capital outlays. <p>On Jan. 5, 2006, staff presented an update on the 2006 FTIP, scheduled for SCAG adoption in August 2006. Staff identified some potential challenges for meeting the conformity tests, and indicated that they had met with the transportation commissions and IVAG to discuss strategies for meeting all of the conformity requirements.</p>	<p>Metro Position * N</p>
<p>2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Status Update</p>	<p>Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the FTIP as it moves towards its scheduled adoption in August 2006.</p> <p align="right">N</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION:</p> <p>6) Advanced Transit Vehicle Consortium (formerly Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium)</p>	<p>LEAD STAFF: Richard Hunt</p> <p>PHONE NUMBER: (213) 922-5815</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>METRO REPRESENTATIVES:</p> <p>Frank Roberts (MTA Rep) Yvonne Burke (At-Large) John Fasana (At-Large) Michael Antonovich (At-Large) Zev Yaroslavsky (At-Large)</p>
<p>Issue</p> <p>Evaluation of advanced technology vehicles.</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p> <p>Staff executed a contract with New Flyer to deliver 6 hybrid electric vehicles in FY07/FY08.</p> <p>Staff continued working with AQMD to underwrite a demonstration project using engines a blended fuel mixture of hydrogen and Compressed Natural Gas (HCNG).</p> <p>Staff and ATVC's consultant have begun a new workplan focused on reviewing technologies that are likely to meet future emission regulations, especially 2010 Zero Emission Regulations.</p>
	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p> <p>Staff should establish a delivery schedule for hybrid vehicles, and meet with ISE Research, a manufacturer of hybrid vehicles.</p> <p>Staff will continue to work with AQMD to underwrite HCNG engine test program.</p>
	<p>Metro Position*</p> <p>N/A</p>

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ORGANIZATION: 7) California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG)		LEAD STAFF: Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2469
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 member agencies serve as regional transportation planning agencies under state law and as metropolitan (transportation) planning organizations (MPO) under federal law.		METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: 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.
Issue	Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)	6-Month Projected Actions
SAFETEA-LU Implementation and GO California summarized.	No actions were taken.	Metro staff will continue to monitor the development of SAFETEA-LU legislation changes for California.
Establishing a Prop. 42 firewall	No actions were taken.	Metro staff will continue to monitor the development of the Prop. 42 Firewall legislation.
SB 1024	No actions were taken.	Metro staff will continue to monitor and potentially work with author on the refinement of SB 1024.
		Metro Position* N (Metro staff will recommend support) S N

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 8) Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)</p>	<p>LEAD STAFF: Frank Flores David Yale (213) 922-2456 (213) 922-2469</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBER: METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: David Yale</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>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>TCRP Funds</p>	<p>The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the allocation of \$208 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funding for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project that will provide a major source of funding to the project. In addition, the CTC allocated \$14 million in new TCRP funds to reimburse a previously approved AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) for the project in February.</p>	<p>Metro will continue to seek additional TCRP funds for reimbursements and direct allocations.</p>
<p>Expo Line</p>	<p>The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the allocation of \$208 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funding for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project that will provide a major source of funding to the project. This is the first part of a four-part, \$523 million request that Metro staff has prepared for the Project. The CTC approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$14 million in new TCRP funds to reimburse a previously approved AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) for the project in February. • \$315 million request in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process to be considered on April 27, 2006. <p>The fourth part is an allocation request for another previously approved AB 1335 LONP for \$16.7 million of TCRP reimbursement funding. Metro staff will request this fourth part at the conclusion of the final design phase of the project.</p>	<p>Metro has been successful in requesting \$507 million of the total \$523 million request for the Exposition LRT project. This is very important to Metro as the funding decisions have enabled Metro to leverage local funds for other high priority projects.</p>
		<p>Metro Position* N/A</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>STIP Funds</p>	<p>The 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>On April 27, the CTC will adopt the \$1.9 billion, 2006 STIP. Los Angeles will include one new project, the Exposition LRT that will use the entire \$315 million, LA county share. Los Angeles will receive 17% of the entire STIP.</p>
<p>RTPA</p>	<p>No actions were taken.</p>	<p>Countywide Planning staff is continuing to work closely with this RTPA do provide analysis on the funding impacts to the STIP. Metro staff will once again request their PPM allocation at the July 2006 CTC meeting.</p>
		<p>Metro Position* N/A</p>

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ORGANIZATION: 9) Self-Help Counties Coalition		LEAD 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:
Issue		METRO REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: David Yale
Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)	6-Month Projected Actions	Metro Position*
No actions were taken.	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.	N

