



# MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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**TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: GISSELLE ACEVEDO-FRANCO**

Today, the full House Appropriations Committee, chaired by Rep. Robert Livingston (R-LA), agreed to the recommendations of Rep. Frank Wolf's (R-VA) Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and provided \$76 million in FY 1998 funds for MOS-3 of the Metro Red Line project. The House bill will likely move to the House floor for consideration during the week of July 21, depending on the availability of floor time. The Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, chaired by Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), is scheduled to produce its FY 1998 Transportation Appropriations bill at its meeting on July 15.

The House Appropriations bill is accompanied by report language which states:

"Los Angeles, MOS-3 project. - The 23-mile \$5,000,000,000 Metro Red Line Rail project is planned as "minimum operable segments" (MOSs) for funding purposes. ISTEA defined MOS-3 to include three Metro Rail extensions including the North Hollywood extension, the East Side extension, and the Mid-City extension. A full funding grant agreement has been signed, committing \$1,416,490,000 in funding. To date, Congress has appropriated \$510,227,000, including \$70,000 in fiscal year 1997. For fiscal year 1998, the Committee recommendation includes \$76,000,000 for the project. Of the funds provided, \$24,000,000 shall be available for the East Side extension, together with the required local matching funds."

"None of the funds provided to the Los Angeles MOS-3 project shall be available until (1) the LACMTA produces an adopted recovery plan and a financially constrained long range transportation plan, including compliance with the consent decree for enhanced bus service; (2) the FTA conducts a final review and accepts the plans; (3) the General Accounting Office and the Department of Transportation's Inspector General conduct an independent analysis of the plans and provide such analysis to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations; (4) the House and Senate

Committees on Appropriations have concluded its review of the GAO/IG analysis; and (5) until after the FTA has renegotiated parts 1A and 1B of the MOS-3 full funding grant agreement.”

The House legislation also included \$10 million for continued development of the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB), with report language stating that none of these funds are to support the planning or development of a 30-foot or dual mode trolley bus based on the ATTB design.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please contact Ron Stone at 213/922-2232.