



Metro

**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 17, 2007**

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING STATUS

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file this report on the status of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds for projects in Los Angeles County, as summarized in the chart provided in Attachment A.

ISSUE

The Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 earmarked \$1.744 billion in state funding for 28 specific congestion relief projects in Los Angeles County. The Board of Directors has requested a status report on the TCRP funds earmarked and allocated to Los Angeles County projects.

DISCUSSION

As of September 2006, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$788.0 million in TCRP funds to Los Angeles County projects and \$116.5 million of TCRP Letters of No Prejudice (LONPs) reimbursements, for total TCRP allocations of \$904.5 million. The CTC still needs to allocate \$839.6 million in remaining TCRP funding for Los Angeles County projects, of which unallocated LONPs for Metro comprise \$345 million.

BACKGROUND

Due to state budget deficits, the CTC suspended TCRP project allocations in late 2002. To allow projects to continue to move forward, the CTC approved LONPs totaling \$694 million statewide, of which \$461.5 million was for Los Angeles County. These LONPs allowed Metro and other Los Angeles County agencies to expend their own funds for certain TCRP projects and be reimbursed later when sufficient TCRP funds became available. To date, Metro has received TCRP LONP reimbursements of \$98 million for the Metro Orange Line and \$14 million for Phase I of the Exposition Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project.

In March 2006, the CTC resumed allocations to TCRP projects. According to their policies, the CTC first allocates funds for project construction and then allocates LONP reimbursements based on available funds. Once LONP project construction is complete and open to the public, LONP reimbursements move to the top of the CTC's allocation priorities, ahead of new construction.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 State Budget provides \$1.088 billion statewide for TCRP project allocations. Using CTC policies described above, Caltrans estimates that \$31 million would be for reimbursements of LONPs for completed projects and \$1.057 billion for allocations to projects ready for construction. In June 2006, Caltrans indicated that Los Angeles County projects may expect to receive \$158.3 million from this budgeted state funding, of which \$60.5 million has already been allocated and \$97.8 million has not yet been allocated. A new report that will update these FY 2007 figures is due from Caltrans shortly. Staff will provide the updated information when this report is presented to the Planning and Programming Committee in January 2007.

NEXT STEPS

We will continue to monitor and pursue allocations for the \$839.6 million in remaining unallocated TCRP funds for Los Angeles County projects, as soon as projects are eligible. Of this \$839.6 million, \$345.0 million is for TCRP LONPs for Metro. From the \$345.0 million, we expect to request LONP allocations of \$16.7 million for Phase I of the Exposition LRT Project and \$150 million for the Bus Acquisition Program in FY 2008 and \$166.9 million for the Eastside LRT Project in FY 2009.

ATTACHMENT

A. Traffic Congestion Relief Program Balances

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Traffic Congestion Relief Program Balances (\$000s)

Agency	TCRP Proj #	Project Name	TCRP Funding	Allocated as of 9/06	LONP Reimb Allocated as of 9/06	Total Allocated	Unallocated TCRP Balance	Metro Unallocated LONP
Metro	33	Bus Transit; Acquire Low-Emission Buses	150,000	0		0	150,000	150,000
PMBLCA	34	Pasadena Gold Line; New rail line from Pasadena to Los Angeles	40,000	40,000		40,000	0	
Caltrans	35	Pacific Surfliner: Triple track intercity rail Los Angeles County	100,000	100,000		100,000	0	
Metro	36	Eastside Transit; Build new LRT in East LA	236,000	69,086		69,086	166,914	166,914
Metro	37.1	Mid-City/Wilshire BRT; Metro Rapid on Wilshire Blvd.	6,200	6,200		6,200	0	
Metro	37.2	Mid-City/Exposition LRT; LRT Exposition ROW	249,800	219,100	14,000	233,100	16,700	16,700
Metro	38.1	San Fernando Valley East-West BRT NH Station to Warner Center	145,000	47,000	98,000	145,000	0	
Metro	38.2	San Fernando Valley North-South BRT	100,000	2,000		2,000	98,000	
Metro	39	I-405: Add NB HOV lane over Sepulveda I-10 to US-101	90,000	15,000		15,000	75,000	
Caltrans/ Metro	40	Rte 10: Add HOV lanes I- 605 to SR-57	90,000	28,149		28,149	61,851	
Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE)	41	Rte 5: Add HOV lanes SR-170 to SR-14 - Seg.1	50,000	43,891		43,891	6,109	
Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE)	42	Rte 5: 10 lanes (2 HOV + 2 Mixed Flow), OCL to I-605 to I-710	125,000	6,000		6,000	119,000	
Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE)	43	Rte 5: Improve Carmenita Road interchange in Norwalk	71,000	290		290	70,710	
LB Port	44	Rte 47: Construct interchange in LB at Ocean Blvd Overpass in LB	18,400	15,674	2,726	18,400	0	
Caltrans	45	Rte 710: Complete Gateway Corridor Study, L.A./L.B. Ports to I-5	2,000	2,000		2,000	0	
Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE)	46	Rte 1 at Rte 107: Rec. intersection at SR-107 in Torrance	2,000	1,284		1,284	716	
Caltrans	48	Rte 101: Corridor Analysis and PSR SR-170 to SR-23	3,000	3,000		3,000	0	
LA City	49	Hollywood Intermodal Transportation Center facility	10,000	2,850		2,850	7,150	
Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE)	50	Rte 71: from I-10 to I-60	30,000	4,405		4,405	25,595	
Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE)	51	Rte 101/405: Add auxiliary lane Interchange in Sherman Oaks	21,000	8,200		8,200	12,800	1,790
Caltrans/Metro (GARVEE)	52	Rte 405: Add HOV from Waterford Ave to I-10	25,000	0		0	25,000	9,648
LA City	53	ATSAC: Victory/Ventura, Sepulveda Blvd. and SR-118 corridors	16,000	15,500	500	16,000	0	
SGV COG	54	Alameda Corridor East: Build grade separations	150,000	146,500		146,500	3,500	
West Hollywood	142	Santa Monica Blvd: Maintenance and mitigation	2,000	2,000		2,000	0	
SCRRA	145	Sun Valley: New siding between Sheldon St. & Sunland Blvd.	6,500	6,500		6,500	0	
Pasadena Transit	151	Pasadena Buses: Purchase 5 alternative fuel buses	1,100	1,100		1,100	0	
So Pasadena	152	Pasadena Gold Line: Transit-oriented mixed-use development	1,500	808	692	1,500	0	
So Pasadena	153	Pasadena Gold Line: Utility relocation	550		550	550	0	
Caltrans	154	SR-134/I-5: Interchange Study	100	100		100	0	
LA City	158	Olympic & Lemon St. Signal	2,000	1,405		1,405	595	
GRAND TOTALS			1,744,150	788,042	116,468	904,510	839,640	345,052