

# NEAR-TERM STRATEGIC TRANSIT PLANNING CONCEPTS

Operations Committee  
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**Metro**

# BACKGROUND

- **Structural Deficit**
  - \$82 M Sales tax revenue shortfall (10% decline)
  - \$24 M Fare revenue loss
- **Inefficient allocation of service**
  - 13% increase in Revenue Service Hours despite 1% decrease in ridership (FY93 to FY09)
  - Exacerbates the budget deficit
  - Added pressures on fleet and facilities
  - Overextend resources needed to provide quality service
- **Measure R**
  - Opportunity to significantly improve regional mobility
  - Success contingent on a solid, stable, sustainable base

# STARTING POINT FOR MEASURE R

- **Re-baseline bus system**
  - Define role of Metro and municipal operators
  - Better integration of bus and rail
  - Reduce bus duplication
  - Realign bus services to better meet current ridership demand
- **Measure R 20% Operations Funds**
  - Use some for small capital projects to support restructure
    - Transit priority treatments
    - Better transfer facilities
    - Customer information and way-finding
    - Transit service management tools

# PROPOSED PROCESS

- **Collaboration with key stakeholders to establish a Regional Transit Service Concept**
- **Translate the Concept into Service Design Guidelines including a statement of roles for Metro Bus, Rail and municipal operators**
- **Develop sub-regional plans for system restructure**

# NEXT STEPS

- Establish the Blue Ribbon Committee by **November 2009**
- Develop the regional transit service concept and service design guidelines for Board approval by **March 2010**
- Develop service change proposals for implementation starting **June 2010**

# Discussion