

# NEAR-TERM STRATEGIC TRANSIT PLANNING CONCEPTS

# 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% decreased 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

# APPROVED 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**
- Proposed BRC Membership (# of representatives):
  - Muni Operators (2) - 1 larger and 1 smaller
  - Local Return Cities (1)
  - LADOT (1)
  - Metro CAC (1)
  - Metro Governance Councils (5) - 1 from each sector
  - Business Group Representative (1)
  - Major Employer Representative (1)
  - Education (1)
  - Health (1)
  - Environmental Justice (1 or 2)
  - Academia (1)

# NEXT STEPS CONTINUED

- **Proposed Schedule and Time Commitment:**
  - January - June 2010
  - 1 meeting per month (6 total)
  - 3 hours per meeting
- **Develop the regional transit service concept and service design guidelines for Board approval by **May-June 2010****
- **Develop service change proposals for implementation starting **December 2010****

# Discussion