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Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan

July 2016



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Positioning LA County for the Future

- Los Angeles County is projected to grow by 2.3 million people in the next 40 years
- Metro is planning now for that growth with a proposed sales tax plan intended to raise money to meet future transportation needs
- The region has more unmet critical transportation needs than there is money to meet them
- Additional local revenues generated by the tax provide an opportunity to leverage more state/federal/private dollars to build major projects — and build them faster



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A Collaborative Regional Process

- Metro conducted a bottoms-up process with regional partners for the past three years to identify major projects for future implementation
- Metro staff has maintained an open dialogue with stakeholders throughout plan development



Project Sequencing Process

- Modeling Process
 - Scored and ranked highway and transit projects
 - Applied Board-approved performance methodology
 - Considered high-performing existing projects for acceleration without impacting other projects
- Other Sequencing Factors Considered
 - Geographic equity
 - Cash flow availability
 - Cost of project
 - Status of environmental process

Public Input Process

- **9** Metro-hosted public meetings throughout the County
- **1** Metro-hosted virtual online public meeting
- **2** Co-hosted public meetings
- **14** Telephone Town Halls
- **84 meetings** attended by Metro staff
- Voice mail
- Written comments received through:
 - US Mail
 - E-mail
 - Comment cards at public meetings
 - Flip charts at public meetings
 - Social media



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Public Input

- General themes from the public:
 - Accelerate projects, especially rail
 - Provide more reliable bus service and BRT lines
 - Increase/don't increase funding for Local Return
 - Increase funding for Active Transportation
 - Increase funding for senior, disabled and student programs
 - Increase funding for Metrolink
 - Build in funding for safety, security and technology
 - Continue part of the tax to keep the system in good working condition

Public Poll Results

- After educating the public about the transportation plan, 72 percent would vote for the “no sunset” ballot measure
- Benefits that resonate most:
 - Keep fares affordable for seniors, students and the disabled
 - Create jobs
 - Repair potholes
 - Earthquake-retrofit bridges
 - Improve freeway traffic flow

Ballot Measure Overview

- In June, Metro Board approved an ongoing sustained local investment plan – a “No Sunset” plan
- New ½ cent sales tax starting in July 2017
- Replace Measure R tax starting in 2039
- Continues until voters decide to end it

Opportunities of the No Sunset vs. 40-Year Plan

- Allows more capacity to accelerate projects
 - 12 projects accelerated
 - 42 years of acceleration in all
- Two projects added
 - Gold Line Eastside Extension – 2nd Alignment
 - High Desert Multi-Purpose Corridor – LA County Section
- Three projects upgraded later in plan
 - Orange Line to Gold Line BRT to light rail
 - Vermont Corridor to heavy rail
 - Lincoln Blvd. BRT to light rail
- Increases funding for Local Return
 - 16% to 17% starting in 2017; 20% starting in 2039
- Increases Metrolink funding
 - 1% increase starting in 2039 after meeting service improvements
- Sustainable funding for all programs

Goals of the Plan

- Improve freeway traffic flow
- Expand rail and enhance bus service
- Repave local streets and fix potholes
- Keep fares affordable for seniors, students and the disabled
- Embrace technology and innovation
- Create jobs and more quality of life
- Keep the system in good working condition
- Provide accountability and transparency

Accountability and Transparency

- Ordinance directs use of revenues
- Provides solid commitment to projects
- Provides accountability and transparency to the taxpayers (Taxpayers Oversight Committee)
- Establishes a comprehensive assessment of the plan every 10 years
- Ensures funds remain under local control
- Allows for innovation

Next Steps

- Placement on the ballot by County Board of Supervisors – July/August
- Metro begins public information program – July
- Staff presents Program Management Plan – October
- Update Long Range Transportation Plan – 2017



Questions?



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