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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 2008

SUBJECT: MEASURE “R” BUS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ACTION: APPROVE LIST OF POTENTIAL MEASURE “R” BUS IMPROVEMENTS

BACKGROUND

Measure R, recently passed by Los Angeles County voters in November, will fund through a ½ cent sales tax a number of capital projects. These include rail expansion, street and freeway improvements, and the purchase of buses. It also includes a 20% allocation of the total sales tax revenue for improved bus operations, including suspension of a Board approved fare increase scheduled for 2010.

Los Angeles Mayor and Board Chair Antonio Villaraigosa introduced a motion at the December 2008 Board meeting that directed CEO Roger Snoble to begin the process of creating a bus system improvement plan. The plan, to be presented during the March 2009 Board cycle, will include input and feedback from municipal operators and the Service Sectors.

San Gabriel Valley Sector Staff has developed the following potential Measure R system improvements:

MEASURE “R” POTENTIAL BUS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- **Construct Proposed Gold Line Atlantic Transit Center –**
The terminus of the East Los Angeles Gold Line is served by two Metro and four Montebello bus lines, and lacks a coordinated passenger center.
- **Accelerate Vehicle Purchase for Contract Operated Lines –**
Contract Line 177 is in need of new vehicles.
- **Improve Service Frequencies on Heaviest Lines –**
Overloads have been identified on Lines 70, 78, 79, 484, 487, 490, and 780.
- **Add Service to Improve On-Time Performance –**
Increase traffic continues to affect on-time performance.
- **Fund Mt. Washington Area DASH Service –**
Due to narrow streets, DASH service would provide neighborhood friendly vehicles.

- **Expand Existing Valley Bl./Del Mar Park and Ride –**
The existing park and ride lot is at capacity.
- **Improve Los Angeles County Hospital Transit Stop Amenities –**
Lines 70, 71, 605 and 620 serve the expanded hospital with busy stops lacking passenger amenities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The included potential bus system improvements are consistent with the goals and objectives of Measure R, the Long Range Plan and Metro Connections Program. Overall, they provide for improvements in public access to transportation.

NEXT STEPS

If approved or amended by the San Gabriel Valley Governance Council, the list will be forwarded to the CEO for inclusion in a report to the Board of Directors regarding potential Measure R bus improvements.

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Attachment: Motion 46