

DuBois Motion
Regarding Designation of "Projects of National and Regional Significance"

SAFETEA-LU, included a new transportation funding program entitled "*Projects of National and Regional Significance*" (PNRS). This identification included the Alameda Corridor East and the I-710 Corridor/Gerald Desmond Bridge projects in Southern California;

In 2012, the Congress reauthorized the federal surface transportation program and established MAP-21, including a new provision of "*Projects of National and Regional Significance*" and an authorized funding level of \$500 million (FY 2013);

The MAP-21 PNRS program failed to include the previously identified high priority projects; Alameda Corridor East and the I-710 Corridor/Gerald Desmond Bridge. Additionally, Congress failed to appropriate the \$500 million for project grant awards by the U.S. Department of Transportation;

Both the Alameda Corridor East and the I-710 Corridor/Gerald Desmond Bridge have been identified in the Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan, and California Goods Movement Action Plan as high priority investments;

In May, 2013 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) placed a notice in the Federal Register indicating that the Administration will in the near term contact State Departments of Transportation, transit agencies etc. to solicit information associated with potential Projects of National and Regional Significance;

The State of California has established a State Freight Plan Update Advisory Committee, with representation from Southern California including the Metro Board Chair and the U.S. Department of Transportation has created the National Freight Advisory Committee which also includes representatives from Southern California;

THEREFORE, Metro staff shall communicate directly with the new California State Transportation Agency and request that the following projects be included in any list of PNRS transmitted to the Federal

Highway Administration: Alameda Corridor East, the I-710 Corridor/
Desmond Bridge; and the High Desert Corridor; and

Metro staff shall coordinate PNRS related activities, with the Regional
CEOs working group, Southern California representatives on the State
Freight Advisory Committee and the National Freight Advisory Committee;
Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority, and the Ports of Los Angeles
and Port of Long Beach.