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**SUBJECT: 1996 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM UPDATE**

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**ISSUE**

On May 1, 1996, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in Sacramento will act on their recently released staff recommendations for the 1996 State Transportation Improvement Program. The CTC staff recommendation for Los Angeles County proposes reducing program funding by \$226 million or 16% from funding levels that Los Angeles County secured in the 1994 STIP.

**BACKGROUND**

When the CTC adopted the 1996 STIP Fund Estimate in August 1995, the estimate reflected a statewide shortfall of \$574 million or 9.6% over seven years. The MTA and other Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) statewide adopted priorities for the 1996 STIP that reflected recommended reductions for resolving the \$574 million statewide shortfall. Since the RTPA recommendations, CTC staff has revised the statewide shortfall downward from \$574 million to \$498 million or 8.6% due to the addition of Federal Emergency Relief funds to the Fund Estimate. The CTC then acted not to include \$1.05 billion in new revenues available from the passage of Proposition 192, the Seismic Retrofit Bond Act of 1996, in the 1996 STIP.

Responding to regional recommendations, CTC staff released their recommendations on April 10, 1996. In summary, the CTC staff recommendations suggest the following reductions to 1994 STIP funding levels for Los Angeles County:

	<b>Amount</b>	
	<b>(Millions)</b>	<b>Totals</b>
• <b><u>Previously Conceded Reductions</u></b>		
Retrofit soundwalls	\$ 27.7	
Routes 405 and 5 changes in scope	\$ 54.9	
Project trade reduction (net)	<u>\$101.5</u>	
Subtotal, previously conceded reductions		\$184.1
• <b><u>New Reductions Recommended by CTC</u></b>		
Metro Red or Blue Line (see below)	\$ 15.0	
Arbor Vitae Interchange	\$ 12.7	
Route 138 (new alignment)	<u>\$ 14.5</u>	
Subtotal, new CTC staff reductions		<u>\$ 42.2</u>
• <b><u>Total Reductions Recommended by CTC Staff</u></b>		<b>\$226.3</b>

The CTC staff recommendation does not specify which rail project, either the Metro Red Line or the Pasadena Blue Line, will be reduced by \$15 million. The CTC has combined funding for the two projects and held them in reserve until the MTA presents completed financial plans for the projects. MTA staff forwarded completed financial plans to the CTC on April 11, 1996. For further information about the CTC staff recommendation, please see Attachment A.

### **Proposition 192 and Impact on 1996 STIP**

On March 26, 1996, California voters approved Proposition 192, the \$2 billion Seismic Retrofit Bond Act of 1996. The CTC is deferring the \$1.05 billion in new revenues from Proposition 192 to force the lowest priority projects to be cut from the 1996 STIP. The projects to be cut from the list will be permitted to compete in a new statewide Call for Projects at a date not yet determined. (The MTA will be advocating that the Call be done by Summer 1996.) The new funds become available because the State will no longer be required to fund the \$1.05 billion Phase II Seismic Retrofit Program from the State Highway Account.

The primary issue to be resolved before the \$1.05 billion in new funds can be programmed is the funding strategy for state-owned toll bridge seismic retrofit costs, which are now estimated to be \$2.1 billion. Proposition 192 provides \$650 million for the toll bridge retrofits, leaving an additional need of \$1.45 billion. State legislators from the San Francisco Bay Area have been seeking to fund part of the remaining need of \$1.45 billion from the State Highway Account. The MTA is on record as opposed to funding the toll bridge retrofits from the State Highway Account. Alternative funding available includes increasing tolls or establishing some other local option tax or fee. MTA staff will be asking our legislative delegation for rapid programming of these funds to new projects in a fair and open process comparable to the STIP process.

### **Next Steps**

The state transportation funding activities over the next six to eight months are summarized in Attachment B. Next month, MTA staff will communicate the results of the CTC's May 1, 1996 action on the 1996 STIP. As needed, MTA staff will return to the Board with specific recommendations regarding the availability of \$1.05 billion in new transportation revenues statewide from Proposition 192.

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Attachment A  
Page 1  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
REVISED RANKED 1996 STIP TRADE AND AB 3090 PROPOSALS  
(Millions)

R A N K	PROJECT	MTA FISCAL YEAR *	RECOMMENDATIONS			
			MTA	CTC STAFF	VARIANCE	NOTES
	Existing Projects (Including Arbor Vitae/Route 405 Interchange)	Various	\$759.1	\$746.4	(\$12.7)	Arbor Vitae
1	Pasadena Blue Line	01-02	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	See Page 2
2	Route 30, Foothill to San Bernardino County - 8 Lane Freeway / 2 HOV Lanes	01-02	\$45.5	\$45.5	\$0.0	
3	Route 110 Transitway - Transit Stations	96-97	\$8.0	\$8.0	\$0.0	
4	Metro Red Line, Segment 3	00-01	\$50.0	\$35.0	(\$15.0)	See Page 2
5	Routes 57/60 HOV Direct Connectors	01-02	\$68.8	\$68.8	\$0.0	
6	Route 405, Route 90 to Route 10 - HOV Lane Construction (Southbound)	02-03	\$50.1	\$50.1	\$0.0	
7	Route 138, Longview to SR-18 - Widen and add Passing Lanes	00-01	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$0.0	
8	New Route 138 Alignment Expressway (Avenue P-8), SR-14 to 50th St - ROW	02-03	\$29.0	\$14.5	(\$14.5)	See Page 2
9	Santa Monica Blvd. Transit Parkway	02-03	\$6.1	\$6.1	\$0.0	
10	Route 5, Route 91 to Rosecrans - Interim HOV Lanes	02-03	\$62.1	\$62.1	\$0.0	
11	Alameda Corridor Projects	02-03	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	
12	Route 1 and Route 90 Playa Vista/Dreamworks Access Improvements	02-03	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$0.0	
	TOTAL		\$1,213.7	\$1,171.5	(\$42.2)	New Cuts

\* Fiscal year is subject to change. MTA staff is seeking this information from the CTC.

**Attachment A**  
**Page 2**

**CTC Staff Comments on Recommended Cuts  
to Projects in the 1996 STIP**

**ARBOR VITAE**

“Reduce programming for the Route 405 Arbor Vitae interchange project by \$12.7 million, from \$27.0 million to \$14.3 million, the amount committed to the project in the 1988 STIP, with funding contingent on local funding to fully fund the project.”

**METRO RED AND BLUE LINES**

“Add \$85.0 million as a reserve for the Pasadena Blue Line and the Metro Rail Mid-City and East Lines, with amounts for each extension to be designated by the CTC after LACMTA's presentation of completed financial plans for the extensions. The LACMTA RTIP proposed \$50.0 million in additional programming for the Blue Line (trade-in priority #1) and \$50.0 million in additional programming for the Red Line (trade-in priority #4). The \$85.0 million would be supplemented with \$15.0 million in Proposition 116 funds that the staff has identified as available for these projects.”

**MTA Staff Correction:**

*The CTC staff commented that \$15.0 million in Proposition 116 funds are available to make up the difference between the \$100 million (\$50 million each) requested in the 1996 STIP for the Metro Red and Blue Lines and the \$85 million recommended by the CTC. Contrary to the CTC staff recommendations, the difference cannot be made up with the Proposition 116 funds because those funds were already programmed in the Metro Red Line financial plan for the East side Extension as executed in the Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration in May 1993. The full \$100 million in 1996 STIP funding for the Metro Red and Blue Lines is required in addition to the previously programmed \$150 million in Proposition 116 funds.*

**ROUTE 138**

“Add \$14.5 million as 50% participation for the \$29.0 million Route 138 expressway project between Route 14 and 50th St. contingent upon local participation to fully fund this project. This recommendation is for 50% of the amount proposed by LACMTA (trade-in priority #6) .”

## Attachment B

### **Schedule of Upcoming State Transportation Funding Activities**

- CTC Adoption of the 1996 STIP                      May 1, 1996
- Approval of FY 1996-97 State Budget              June or July 1996
- Local Level Call for Projects                      To be determined\*
- CTC Adopts Fund Estimate                      To be determined\*
- CTC Hearings on Local Priorities                  To be determined\*
- CTC Adopts Statewide STIP  
Amendment    To be determined\*

\*MTA staff are briefing the Los Angeles County Legislature delegation on the importance of expediting the programming of the \$1.05 billion in new revenues made available by Proposition 192.