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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

FROM: CAROL INGE   
INTERIM CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY LIST OF HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

ISSUE

Will Kempton, Director of Caltrans, has requested that Metro submit a preliminary list of Los Angeles County's highest priority projects for consideration in the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan. Mr. Kempton asked that the list be short, include only major projects that could be implemented in a short time frame, and that it should include goods movement, carpool lane, and transit projects.

DISCUSSION

The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan includes a proposed \$107 billion statewide transportation infrastructure program, to be partially funded by a \$12 billion General Obligation bond that would be leveraged with local, state, federal, and private funds. Metro submitted a January 13, 2006 letter to Director Kempton outlining a draft short list of the county's highest priority projects (Attachment A). The draft Preliminary List of High Priority Projects for Los Angeles County in Attachment A was developed from the 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan, the 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan and other processes previously approved by the Board of Directors.

The ten projects listed in Attachment A total approximately \$5.8 billion in Highway, Transit and Goods Movement improvements. These projects have currently programmed funds of approximately \$864 million, with an outstanding need of almost \$5 billion.

NEXT STEPS

We will continue to work with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, and the State Legislature to ensure that the needs of Los Angeles County are considered as part of emerging statewide infrastructure funding proposals.

ATTACHMENT

- A. Letter to Will Kempton, Director, Caltrans, dated January 13, 2006



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Attachment **A**

January 13, 2006

Mr. Will Kempton  
Director  
California Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 942873  
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

**PRELIMINARY LIST OF HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS  
FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Dear Mr. Kempton:

Per your request, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is submitting a preliminary list of high priority projects for Los Angeles County to be considered for your planning purposes as part of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan (Enclosure A). Due to the short time frame to meet your request, we have not been able to review this list with our Board of Directors. Our evaluation, however, is based on Metro's 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP) and subsequent actions by the Metro Board of Directors. A new 2006 LRTP process is currently underway that may identify additional priorities.

The nine projects listed include approximately \$5.8 billion dollars in Highway, Transit and Goods Movement projects. Metro has currently programmed approximately \$864 million dollars with an outstanding need of almost \$5 billion dollars. We believe that these projects, and more, are critical to meeting the objectives of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan and the continued safe movement of people and goods in the state's most populous county.

We would like the opportunity to discuss our proposal with you and your staff for further consideration. If you have questions regarding our list, please contact David Yale at (213) 922-2469. Thank you for your continuing interest and support in addressing Los Angeles County's and the State of California's transportation needs.

Sincerely,

ROGER SNOBLE  
Chief Executive Officer  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Enclosures:  
Enclosure A – Preliminary List of High Priority Projects for Los Angeles County



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**Preliminary List of High Priority Projects for Los Angeles County**  
 (\$ million)

Project Description	Total Project Costs 01/06	Amount Programmed	Balance Needed
<b>Highway Carpool Lanes (1)</b>			
I-5 Carpool Mixed Flow Lanes from Route 91 to Route 605	1,200	671	529
I-405 Carpool Lane from Route 10 to Interstate 101 Northbound	700	130	570
I-10 Carpool Lanes Puente Ave to Route 57	450		450
<b>Transit Projects</b>			
Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit	125		125
Exposition LRT from Culver City to Santa Monica	726	28	698
Crenshaw Corridor Project	1,179	15	1,164
San Fernando Valley North/South BRT Phases I - IV	243	20	223
<b>Goods Movement (2)</b>			
I-710 Freeway Expansion/Truckway Corridor (Final Design and Right-of-Way)	850		850
I - 5/14 North Truck Climbing Lane	125		125
Alameda Corridor East - Phase II (Non-Metro, Non-Federal Portion) (3)	215		215
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>4,949</b>

**Note:**

- (1) Construction of the Interstate 5 Carpool Lane from Burbank Boulevard to Route 134 requires \$73 million. It is not shown on this list because Metro staff believes existing resources can meet this need.
- (2) Metro in cooperation with other Southern California Transportation agencies is preparing a multi Goods Movement Action Plan which is anticipated to identify additional projects and or strategies to address goods movement issues.
- (3) Metro's 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan included only 17% of the Alameda Corridor East Phase II project cost. The 17% Metro funding for this project is already committed.