

2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

GOAL #1: ENSURE THE STATE CONTINUES TO FULLY FUND THE MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE

Proposed Activities:

Protect Metro's key fund sources;

Communicate the importance of stable transportation funding to improve mobility in Los Angeles County, foster economic development and create jobs;

Protect the transportation funding system established by the sales tax/gas swap legislation;

Protect Public Transportation Account revenues which have been funded by the sales tax on diesel fuel;

Secure proportionate share of federal funds allocated via state mechanisms, such as CMAQ and alternative transportation programs; and

GOAL #2: PURSUE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES AIMED AT INCREASING FUNDING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Proposed Activities:

Support transportation funding proposals and ensure that they are structured to support Metro's projects and programs.

Work with statewide partners on any efforts to implement new transportation related fees or taxes and ensure these revenues are allocated in proportion to LA County's needs and at the discretion of local agencies; and

Support legislation that would enhance opportunities for Value Capture or related concepts and mechanisms to fund transportation infrastructure or promote Transit-Oriented Developments.

GOAL #3: WORK TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF METRO'S BOARD ADOPTED LRTP

Proposed Activities:

Pursue strategies and funding opportunities to implement the Highway Program in the LRTP;

Work to secure additional funds through the STIP, SHOPP and bond funds; and

Pursue Public Private Partnerships, Construction Manager/General Contractor procurement, and other innovative opportunities to advance projects in the LRTP.

GOAL #4: SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON THE REGION'S COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM

Proposed Activities:

Advocate for additional state funding to increase the safety of the commuter rail system in Los Angeles County and the entire Metrolink service area;

Support additional funding for enhanced commuter rail safety, especially for automatic train stop/positive train control systems, grade separations and double tracking single track portions of Metrolink's service area; and

GOAL #5: MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE'S CAP AND TRADE PROGRAMS

Proposed Activities:

Ensure Cap & Trade funds are allocated to transportation, that Los Angeles County receives a proportionate share; and

Advocate and secure commitment for Cap & Trade revenues to be allocated by the County Transportation Commission and other agencies.

GOAL #6: COORDINATE WITH OUR LOCAL AND STATE PARTNERS TO INCORPORATE THE REGION'S NEEDS IN EMERGING CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS

Proposed Activities:

Monitor continued implementation of AB 32 and SB 375 (including sustainable community strategies and related initiatives/ documents);

Work in partnership with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to support Metro's projects and programs;

Advocate the connection between transit operations funding, SB 375 and other state global warming policies, programs and initiatives;

Support initiatives that promote greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies such as vehicle miles travelled reduction, active transportation, and operational efficiency best practices;

Support continued efforts to encourage smart growth and other connectivity and livability principles and their interaction with transit and highway investments while preserving authority of local agencies;

Support legislative efforts to include (programs affecting environmentally sensitive stakeholders and clean air programs) in our region, particularly with regards to regional transit planning, construction, and procurement efforts;

Support new initiatives that encourage the use of advanced, environmentally friendly and cost-effective strategies in the construction and retrofit of transit facilities including infrastructure related to renewable energy, low impact development, sustainable construction practices, and similar technologies;

GOAL #7: ACTIVELY WORK WITH STATE, REGIONAL AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INTERESTS TO SECURE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND PROGRAMS STATEWIDE

Proposed Activities:

Work with Governor Brown's Administration to preserve and increase flexibility in the use of transportation funds;

Identify and pursue opportunities for additional funding for Southern California transportation projects, including, but not limited to, mechanisms to reinvigorate the State's infrastructure bank;

Support efforts to secure funding and/or obtain authority to generate additional funding for bus transit capital, operations, security needs, corridor projects, soundwalls, bike projects, Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) and other important transportation projects and programs;

Work with other agencies and the State to seek remedies to increase funding for Metro's Freeway Services Patrol (FSP) operations.

Work cooperatively with other transit agencies throughout the State, including the CTA, to secure and increase funds for transportation services, projects and programs;

Support efforts to secure new funding for regional rideshare services; and

Identify and pursue opportunities for funding and to enhance authority where necessary to improve security and safety for customers, employees and property.

GOAL #8: SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS THAT ENHANCE AND PROTECT METRO'S ABILITY TO DELIVER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Proposed Activities:

Support efforts to clarify the oversight responsibilities of the PUC with respect to rail transit and improve the administration of PUC regulations;

Oppose legislation that would seek to restructure the Metro Board of Directors;

Oppose legislation that would preempt collective bargaining, impose benefits in collective bargaining agreements or restrict the rights of local agencies in the collective bargaining process;

Preserve our authority in regional transportation funding decisions including those granted through SB 45;

Continue to advocate for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reforms for transportation projects with continued collaboration of statewide stakeholders and organizations;

Monitor and work with implementation of pension reform so that Metro is able to maintain a stable work force and ensure adequate succession planning;

Support efforts to enhance the use of electronic fare payment or smart card technology; and

Explore authorizing the use of forward facing cameras on Metro's buses.

GOAL #9: OPPOSE ANY LEGISLATION THAT COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT METRO'S ABILITY TO OPERATE THE EXPRESSLANES PROGRAM AND SUPOORT LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS FOR FUTURE EXPRESSLANES EXPANSION.

Proposed Activities:

Support legislation that:

1. Encourages development and utilization of regulations and technologies that would enhance the ability to verify vehicle occupancy and toll collection/payment.

2. Enhances Metro's ability to enforce the ExpressLanes Board adopted toll policy.
3. Amends or clarifies California vehicle code sections to authorize Metro to enforce occupancy requirements in the ExpressLanes; amends Streets and Highways codes that impact Metro's interoperability with other California toll agencies.
4. Enables implementation of Metro's ExpressLanes strategic plan network upon Board approval.
5. Provides clarification of AB 194 regarding roles and responsibilities of Metro and Caltrans.

Vigorously oppose legislation that negatively impacts:

1. Metro's ability to manage ExpressLanes demand utilizing congestion pricing.
2. Financial viability and local control of ExpressLanes revenues.
3. Limit Metro's ability to expand the ExpressLanes network.

GOAL #10: SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT HIGH SPEED RAIL (HSR) IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Proposed Activities:

Metro supports the California High Speed Rail Project.

Metro is encouraged by the efforts to incorporate a blended corridor concept in its planning and to continue to evaluate and identify the need to connect the project to Los Angeles County.

We encourage the State to make specific commitments to funding the segment connecting to Los Angeles County and to maintain this segment as a high priority in future plans.

Metro supports the allocation of funding to elements of the blended corridor concept in Los Angeles County to support the ultimate completion of the High Speed Rail project.

Ensure timely implementation of Proposition 1A including allocation of connectivity funds.

GOAL #11: SECURE APPROVAL OF KEY FREIGHT PROJECTS AT THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Proposed Activities:

Support efforts to establish local consensus on federal FAST Act guidelines for funding allocation.

Support efforts to fund goods movement and freight projects through the CTC.

GOAL #12: SPONSOR THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO DELIVER QUALITY SERVICE

Proposed Activities:

Sponsor legislation to strengthen penalties for assaults on bus operators.

Sponsor legislation to clarify utility billing for Metro.

Sponsor legislation to update various provisions of Metro's statutes ~~ethics requirements~~ to conform those provisions to those of other agencies.

Sponsor legislation that would authorize Metro to establish Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts.