

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY MAKING A DETERMINATION AS TO
UNMET PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is the designated Transportation Planning agency for the County of Los Angeles and is, therefore, responsible for the administration of the Transportation Development Act, Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, under Sections 99238, 99238.5, 99401.5 and 99401.6, of the Public Utilities Code, before any allocations are made for local street and road use, a public hearing must be held and from a review of the testimony and written comments received and the adopted Regional Transportation Plan, make a finding that 1) there are no unmet transit needs; 2) there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; or 3) there are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet; and

WHEREAS, at its meetings of June 25, 1998 and June 24, 1999, the Board of Directors approved definitions of unmet transit need and reasonable to meet transit need; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held by LACMTA in Los Angeles County in Avalon on March 17, Santa Clarita on March 18, Palmdale on March 18, Lancaster on March 18, 2015, after sufficient public notice of intent was given, at which time public testimony was received; and

WHEREAS, a Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was formed by LACMTA and has recommended actions to meet the transit needs in the areas outside the LACMTA service area; and

WHEREAS, a Hearing Board was appointed by LACMTA, and has considered the public hearing comments and the recommendations of the SSTAC; and

WHEREAS, the SSTAC and Hearing Board reaffirmed the definitions of unmet transit need and reasonable to meet transit need; and

WHEREAS, staff in consultation with the Hearing Board recommends the finding that in the City of Avalon there are ongoing transit needs that are being met using TDA Article 8 funds. Should the TDA Article 8 funds become unavailable, there would be unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in the City of Avalon; and

WHEREAS, staff in consultation with the Hearing Board recommends the finding that in the City of Santa Clarita, and the unincorporated portions of the Santa Clarita Valley, existing transit needs can be met through the recommended actions. These actions can be accomplished through the allocation of Proposition A and/or Proposition C Local Return funds. Therefore, TDA Article 8 funds may be used for street and road projects or transit projects; and

WHEREAS, staff in consultation with the Hearing Board recommends the finding that in the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and the unincorporated portions of North Los Angeles County, there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. Existing transit needs can be met through the allocation of Proposition A and/or Proposition C Local Return funds; therefore, TDA Article 8 funds may be used for street and road projects, or transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE,

- 1.0 The Board of Directors approves on an on-going basis the definition of Unmet Transit Needs as any transportation need, identified through the public hearing process, which could be met through the implementation or improvement of transit or paratransit services; and the definition of Reasonable to Meet Transit Need as any unmet transit needs that can be met, in whole or in part, through the allocation of available transit revenue and be operated in a cost efficient and service effective manner, without negatively impacting existing public and private transit options.
- 2.0 The Board hereby finds that, in the City of Avalon, there are unmet transit needs that are being met using TDA Article 8 funds. Should the TDA Article 8 funds become unavailable, there would be unmet transit needs in the City of Avalon.
- 3.0 The Board hereby finds that in the City of Santa Clarita, and the unincorporated portions of the Santa Clarita Valley, there are transit needs that can be met through the recommended actions. These actions can be accomplished through the allocation of Proposition A and/or Proposition C Local Return funds; therefore, there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in these jurisdictions.
- 4.0 The Board hereby finds that in the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and the unincorporated portions of North Los Angeles County, there are transit needs that can be met through the recommended actions. These actions can be accomplished through the allocation of Proposition A and/or Proposition C Local Return funds; therefore, there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in these jurisdictions.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as the Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct representation of the Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority held on Thursday, June 26, 2015.

MICHELE JACKSON
LACMTA Board Secretary

DATED: June 26, 2015

