

Amendment to Item No. 28 by Director Butts**October 22, 2015**

Consistent with the state statute AB 32, the Air Resources Board (ARB) established a Cap and Trade (C&T) program. In 2012 SB 535 was enacted and requires that 25 percent of C&T auction revenue be used to **benefit** disadvantaged communities and 10 percent of auction revenue **be invested** in disadvantaged communities.

Starting in 2015-16 and beyond, the Legislature and Governor agreed to a continuous appropriation of 60 percent of cap-and-trade revenues for specific programs; including: high-speed rail, affordable housing and sustainable communities, transit and intercity rail capital, and low-carbon transit operations. **The remaining 40 percent of unspent revenue—estimated to be about \$1.5 billion by the end of 2015–16—is available to be allocated in near future legislation.**

Availability of the Cap and Trade auction revenues presents an unprecedented funding opportunity for Metro to aggressively pursue a “fair-share” of revenues, from both the 60 percent continuous appropriation supported programs, as well as the 40 percent—\$1.5 billion—of funds yet to be appropriated by the Legislature. These funds should be a Metro priority to benefit the large number of “Disadvantaged Communities” in Los Angeles County. But outside of using the 2009 LRTP as a template, Metro lacks a comprehensive strategy, including numerical revenue targets, serving as framework for the Metro Board to join with key non-profit stakeholders, sub regional COGs, SCAG, labor, and private sector partners in securing our fair-share of Cap and Trade revenues. In order for Metro to be competitive and demonstrate strong leadership in securing a substantial amount of future Cap and Trade revenues, we need a plan of action.

I, Therefore, Move that the Board direct the CEO to develop a comprehensive Cap and Trade strategy and action plan, including annual numerical revenue targets, for consideration by the Board for the January 2016 Planning and Programming Committee.

I further Move that the strategy should:

1. Identify the potential role of the Cap and Trade funds as part of the proposed Expenditure Plan being developed for consideration as part of sales tax development process; and
2. include a legislative component identifying specific policy and programmatic recommendations on the projected \$1.5 billion of un-appropriated auction revenues to be considered by the Legislature during the 2016 session.

Additionally, the strategy and action plan should focus on all of the transportation related categories of Cap and Trade funding and be developed in direct consultation with sub regional COGs.