

2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

GOAL #1: WORK TO CONTINUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND OBTAIN NEW STARTS FUNDING FOR METRO'S PROJECTS

Proposed Activities:

Work with our Congressional Delegation, transportation leaders in the House and Senate and the U.S. Department of Transportation to ensure the continuation of the federal Capital Investment Grant program (CIG). The Administration has proposed to eliminate funding for the CIG program in their Fiscal Year 2018 Budget submission to Congress. The CIG program is vital in assisting Metro to build new high capacity transit projects throughout the region. Metro currently receives funding through this program for the Regional Connector, Westside Purple Line Extension (Section 1) and Westside Purple Line Extension (Section 2). Metro has applied to receive CIG funding for the Westside Purple Line Extension (Section 3). Over the last six years, Metro has secured over \$3 billion through Full Funding Grant Agreements issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

GOAL #2: TWENTY EIGHT BY 2028 INITIATIVE

Proposed Activities:

Support federal legislation and federal funding opportunities that support the Board approved Twenty-Eight by 2028 Initiative that seeks to ensure that 28 key road, transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects are completed in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

GOAL #3: WORK WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS TO PURSUE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE INNOVATIVE FINANCING TOOLS THAT HELP ACCELERATE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Proposed Activities:

Seek to adopt language in any tax reform legislation or infrastructure package that would create the I-3 Initiative, America Fast Forward Transportation Bond Program or a program that helps transportation agencies leverage local funding to accelerate transit and highway projects. Concurrently, work to advance initiatives that would amend sections of the FAST Act, like the FASTLANES grant program, to dramatically expand

its funding level, make it a multi-year grant program like the New Starts program and ensure that the program works for eligible P3 transit and highway projects. Securing new and innovative federal finance tools will permit our agency to accelerate the construction of key transit and highway/goods movement projects that are funded under Measures R, Measure M and SB1.

GOAL #4: CONTINUE TO SEEK TO RESTORE OBAMA-ERA REFORMS TO FEDERAL LOCAL HIRE RULES

Proposed Activities:

Work with the Trump Administration, Congress and the stakeholder community to restore Obama-era Local Hire reforms. Included in this effort would be our agency making the case that local hire programs do not impact competition based on evidence from Metro's experience with the Local Hire Pilot Program. Our agency would work with key stakeholder groups to build support for a new federal Local Hire initiative and seek support for federal legislation to permanently allow local hiring practices on transportation projects using federal funds.

GOAL #5: PROMOTE INCREASED FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN FREIGHT AND GOODS MOVEMENT PROJECTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH INFRA AND OTHER FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS

Proposed Activities:

Metro will work aggressively with our Congressional Delegation as well as regional and national stakeholders to advocate for funding to move freight more efficiently in and around Los Angeles County. In addition to the FAST Act freight grant programs, like INFRA grants, Metro will also seek to secure additional federal funding for goods movement projects through other potential sources, like the infrastructure plan being discussed by the White House and Congress.

GOAL #6: CONTINUE TO WORK WITH METROLINK TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR STATE OF GOOD REPAIR AND CORE CAPACITY PROJECTS

Proposed Activities:

Work to support Metrolink's board approved State of Good Repair and Core Capacity project list by ensuring federal funding applied to these important projects.

GOAL #7: SEEK RESTORATION OF TAX BENEFITS ELIMINATED BY THE PASSAGE OF H.R.1 – TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

Proposed Activities:

Work with key local, regional and national stakeholders to restore the Advance Refunding Bonds, commuter tax benefit, and the alternative fuel tax credit provisions when Congress, as expected, considers a technical corrections bill next year.

GOAL #8: ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

Proposed Activities:

Work to ensure that any legislation adopted by Congress and signed into law by the President concerning autonomous vehicles does not compromise safety by weakening state and local traffic laws.

Work with Metro's regional partners to advance career education and training programs that will ensure the needed workforce to operate and maintain our transit system is ready and available;

Work to advocate for all Metro discretionary grant applications which include funding for such programs as transit oriented communities, safety and innovation and transit safety;

Work closely with the Administration and USDOT on regulations and proposed rulemakings that impact Metro.