

**Board Report**

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2019****Motion by:****BONIN, HAHN, GARCIA AND NAJARIAN****Aligning Highway Programs with State Emissions Reduction Goals**

In California, over 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions are from cars and trucks. Unlike all other major sources, emissions from the transportation sector continue to increase and are on pace to prevent the State from meeting its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. On September 20th, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order to align certain discretionary transportation funding with the State's emissions reduction goals. Governor Newsom directed the California State Transportation Agency to realign its portfolio of construction, operations, and maintenance projects to help reverse trends of rising fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. This Order affects approximately \$5 billion in annual State expenditures, which are a significant funding source for projects in Los Angeles County.

Inconsistencies between local project development processes and State funding criteria could affect the relative competitiveness of Los Angeles County highway projects for State funding. In order to maintain the region's competitiveness, Metro should conduct a review of local highway planning and programming policies and practices in parallel with the state process.

SUBJECT: ALIGNING HIGHWAY PROGRAMS WITH STATE EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS

APPROVE motion by Directors Bonin, Hahn, Garcia and Najarian that the Board direct the CEO to report back to the Planning & Programming Committee in January 2020 with:

- A. An assessment of how Metro's highway program will be affected by the Executive Order;
- B. Steps that can be taken to align Metro's highway program with the Executive Order in order to ensure continued competitiveness for scarce State resources; and
- C. Recommended revisions to local funding and project development rules and guidelines to ensure project eligibility, scoping, and selection criteria are consistent with State and regional planning goals.