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metro.net**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 15, 2012****SUBJECT: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LOCAL CONFORMANCE  
FINDINGS****ACTION: APPROVE LOCAL CONFORMANCE FINDINGS****RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the finding that in 2011 all 88 cities and the County of Los Angeles are in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) for Los Angeles County as indicated in Attachment A.

**ISSUE**

Since 1992, one of our agency's statutory requirements as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Los Angeles County is to monitor and manage the implementation of the CMP. A conformance finding allows local jurisdictions to continue receiving their Section 2105 state gas tax subventions, and maintain their eligibility for other state and federal funds programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Board must annually make a formal finding as to whether the 88 cities and the County conform to the CMP.

**DISCUSSION**

As the CMA for Los Angeles County, we are responsible for determining that local jurisdictions are in conformance with the Board-adopted CMP and State CMP statute. Los Angeles also uses the CMP to meet federal Congestion Management System requirements, thereby eliminating potential conflicts or duplicating requirements. Local jurisdictions are required by law to monitor arterial congestion levels, monitor transit services along certain corridors, and implement adopted transportation demand management and land use analysis program ordinances. In addition, a Deficiency Plan is required when level of service standards are not met on the CMP highway system.

In developing the Deficiency Plan for Los Angeles County, there was overwhelming support from both local jurisdictions and the development community for a countywide approach to meet CMP requirements. Since 1993, each local jurisdiction's responsibilities have been tracked through a point system that reflects the impact of

local growth (debits) and benefits of transportation improvements (credits). We have been exploring the feasibility of implementing a Countywide Congestion Mitigation Fee Program in Los Angeles County as a potential alternative to meeting the requirements of a Countywide Deficiency Plan. If implemented, a Countywide Congestion Mitigation Fee Program will generate new revenue for jurisdictions to build local transportation projects with regional benefits that address future congestion.

During the ongoing development of the Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study, conformity requirements under the Countywide Deficiency Plan for local jurisdictions are reduced. Jurisdictions are still required to track and report new development activity. However, reporting of transportation improvements that were historically used to generate credits for Countywide Deficiency Plan purposes is not required. As a result, jurisdictions are not being required to maintain a positive credit balance while the feasibility study is underway.

Following extensive outreach with local jurisdictions, we have determined that the County of Los Angeles and all 88 cities in Los Angeles County have fully met all CMP local implementation requirements. As a result, we find these jurisdictions are in conformance with the Board-adopted 2010 CMP. A complete list of these jurisdictions is shown in Attachment A.

#### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

The annual conformity determination will not have any adverse safety impacts for our employees and patrons.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

A conformance finding allows local jurisdictions to continue receiving Section 2105 State gas tax subventions, as well as other state and federal transportation funds. Section 2105 funding annually provides more than \$85 million to jurisdictions in Los Angeles County. The fiscal year 2012 budget contains dollars in cost center 4220 for the management of the CMP. Since this is a multi-year, statutorily required program, the cost center manager and Executive Director, Countywide Planning will be responsible for budgeting in future years.

#### **Impact to Budget**

CMP management activities are funded using Propositions A and C and TDA Administration dollars. These funds are not eligible for bus and rail operating and capital expenditures. No other source of funds was considered for this activity. The CMP annual conformance finding is not anticipated to increase future transit operating costs.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The County of Los Angeles and 88 cities have fully met all CMP local implementation requirements. The Board could choose not to take a conformance action finding. This is not recommended because, without this Board finding, cities cannot receive their Section 2105 gas tax subventions.

## **NEXT STEPS**

We will continue to work in coordination with local jurisdictions to ensure continued CMP implementation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

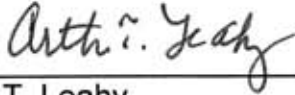
A. List of CMP Conforming Agencies 2011

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## CONFORMING JURISDICTIONS

### Congestion Management Program Local Conformance Findings

Agoura Hills	Downey	Lomita	San Dimas
Alhambra	Duarte	Long Beach	San Fernando
Arcadia	El Monte	Los Angeles City	San Gabriel
Artesia	El Segundo	Los Angeles County	San Marino
Avalon	Gardena	Lynwood	Santa Clarita
Azusa	Glendale	Malibu	Santa Fe Springs
Baldwin Park	Glendora	Manhattan Beach	Santa Monica
Bell	Hawaiian Gardens	Maywood	Sierra Madre
Bell Gardens	Hawthorne	Monrovia	Signal Hill
Bellflower	Hermosa Beach	Montebello	South Gate
Beverly Hills	Hidden Hills	Monterey Park	South El Monte
Bradbury	Huntington Park	Norwalk	South Pasadena
Burbank	Industry	Palmdale	Temple City
Calabasas	Inglewood	Palos Verdes Estates	Torrance
Carson	Irwindale	Paramount	Vernon
Cerritos	La Canada Flintridge	Pasadena	Walnut
Claremont	La Habra Heights	Pico Rivera	West Covina
Commerce	La Mirada	Pomona	West Hollywood
Compton	La Puente	Rancho Palos Verdes	Westlake Village
Covina	La Verne	Redondo Beach	Whittier
Cudahy	Lakewood	Rolling Hills	
Culver City	Lancaster	Rolling Hills Estates	
Diamond Bar	Lawndale	Rosemead	