Agenda

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William Mulholland Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call Action (Fanny Pan, Matthew Abbott)

2. Public Comments Discussion

3. Agenda Reports by Standing Committees Information
   - Bus Operations (Alva Carrasco)
   - Local Transit Systems (Alex Gonzalez)
   - Streets and Freeways (Carlos Rios)
   - TDM/Air Quality (Mark Yamarone)
   - Attachment 1: Subcommittee Agendas
   - Attachment 2: Subcommittee Actions 5 min

4. Chairperson’s Report Information (Fanny Pan)
   10 min

5. Consent Calendar Action
   - Approval of Minutes
     Attachment 3: Draft January 4, 2012 Minutes

6. LACMTA Green Construction Policy Information (Cris Liban)
   10 min

7. Call for Projects Discussion (Rena Lum)
   10 min

8. Strategy for Short Range Transportation Plan Information (Rena Lum)
   Development 5 min

   20 min
10. Legislative Update
   Information
   Federal
   State
   15 min

11. 2012 RTP Update
    Information
    Metro Comment Letter
    10 min

12. Congestion Management Program (CMP)
    Information
    Local Conformity
    5 min

13. Congestion Mitigation Fee
    Information
    5 min

14. FY 2012 Solicitation for Proposals for the
    Information
    Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
    and New Freedom Programs
    10 min

15. CTC Update
    Information
    10 min

16. Inter-County Agreements for Optimizing
    Information
    Use of Federal Highway Apportionments
    Within the SCAG Region
    10 min

17. Bike Share Strategy
    Information
    10 min

18. Other Business

19. Adjournment

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Attachment 1

Subcommittee Agendas – January 2012

- **Bus Operations**
  - January 17, 2012

- **Local Transit Systems**
  - January 19, 2012

- **Streets and Freeways**
  - January 19, 2012

- **TDM/Air Quality**
  - Did not meet in January
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BUS OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Mulholland Conference Room — 15th Floor

1. Call to Order
Action
Alva Carrasco

2. Approval of November 15, 2011 Minutes
Action
BOS

3. Chair’s Report
Information
Alva Carrasco

4. FTA Updates
   (10 minutes)
Information
Jonathan Klein/Karineh Gregorian

5. CTC Update
Information
Patricia Chen

6. Legislative Report
   (10 minutes)
Information
Raffi Hamparian/Marisa Yeager/Michael Turner

7. FY2012 Solicitation Proposals for JARC and New Freedom Programs
   (10 minutes)
Information
Ashad Hamideh

8. STA Status/Documents Required Update
   (10 minutes)
Information
Carlos Vendiola
9. Title VI Compliance Issues

Information
Crystal Alexander

10. BOS Bylaws

Information
Alva Carrasco

11. New Business

12. Adjournment

Information Items:

90-day Rolling Agenda
Invoices
EZ Pass Invoices
Subsidy Matrix FY11-12
TDA-STA Capital Claims
TDA-STA Claims
Regional Sales Pass
BOS Bylaws

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LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mulholland (formerly Windsor) Conference Room – 15th Floor

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2011
   (Attachment)

3. Elections in February

4. NTD Survey – 2012 Training

5. Upcoming JARC / New Freedoms Call

6. a. FY2011 Close out. This closes the FY07-11 (5 year) MOU. For municipal operators I need your audited FY11 TPM sheet.
   b. FY2012-16 Prop A Discretionary Incentive Sub-regional Paratransit Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
      (Tracking Status Handouts)

7. New Business, Date of Next LTSS Meeting

Adjournment

Action
Alex Gonzales, Chair

Information
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Information
Alex Gonzales, Chair

Information / Action on
2012 Training
Pari Ahmadi, Metro

Information
Ashad Hamideh, Metro

Information
Susan Richan, Metro

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# Agenda

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Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

**Mulholland Conference Room, 15th Floor**

1. Call to Order  
   *Action (Nicole Rizzo)*

2. Approval of Minutes  
   *Attachment 1: Draft November 17, 2011 Minutes*  
   *Attachment 2: Sign in Sheet/Attendance Sheet*  
   *Attachment 3: 90-Day Rolling Agenda*  
   *Action (Subcommittee)*

3. Chairperson Report  
   *Information (Nicole Rizzo)*

4. Metro Report  
   *Information (Fulgene Asuncion)*

5. Caltrans Report  
   *Information (Kirk Cessna)*

6. State and Federal Legislative Update  
   *Information (Michael Turner, Raffi Hamparian, Marisa Yeager)*

7. Bike Share Strategic Plan  
   *Information (Lynne Goldsmith, Tony Jusay)*

8. CTC Update  
   *Information (Patricia Chen)*

9. Call for Projects Update  
   *Information (Rena Lum)*
10. Strategy for Short Range Transportation Plan Development
   Information (Rena Lum)
   10 min

11. Modal Design Manual for Living Streets
    Information (Ryan Snyder, Desiree Portillo-Rabinov)
    20 min

12. Election of Subcommittee Chair & Vice Chair
    Action (Subcommittee)
    10 min

13. New Business
    Discussion (Subcommittee)
    10 min

14. Adjournment
    Action (Subcommittee)
    1 min

The next meeting of the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee will be held on February 16, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. on the 15th Floor, William Mulholland Conference Room. Please contact Fulgene Asuncion at (213) 922-3025 should you have any questions or comments regarding this or future agendas.

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Subcommittee Actions
Disposition of January 2012 Subcommittee Actions

Bus Operations Subcommittee:

- Approved minutes for November 15, 2011
- Approved a motion to re-establish the EZ Transit Pass Committee

Local Transit Systems Subcommittee:

- Approved minutes for September 22, 2011

Streets and Freeways Subcommittee:

- Approved minutes for November 17, 2011
  - Elected Bahman Janka (League of Cities, San Gabriel Valley) as Chair
  - Elected Steve Forster (League of Cities, Gateway Cities) as Vice-Chair

TDM/Air Quality Subcommittee:

- Did not meet in January
Attachment 3

Draft January 4, 2012 TAC Minutes

January 4, 2012 Sign-In Sheets

TAC Member Attendance
1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
Matthew Abbott (Alternate Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., took roll and declared a quorum was present.

2. **Agenda Reports by Standing Committees**

   **Bus Operators (Alva Carrasco)**
   - Last met on November 15, 2011
   - Received updates on the following:
     - Legislative Report
     - 1-800-COMMUTE
     - Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
   - Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2012

   **Local Transit Systems (Alex Gonzalez)**
   - Did not meet in November
   - National Transit Database Training was held on December 12, 2011
   - Next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2012

   **Streets & Freeways**
   - Last met on November 17, 2011
   - Next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2012

   **TDM/Air Quality (Mark Yamarone)**
   - Did not meet in November
   - Next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012

3. **Chairperson’s Report**
Fanny Pan (Chair) reported that at its December 15th meeting, the Board:
   - Approved on Consent Calendar:
     - Awarding $5 million in Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grants to the five eligible jurisdictions and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for the grant funds; and
• Authorizing the CEO to award a five-year firm fixed unit rate contract under RFP No. OP30102785 with Mobility Advancement Group, as the highest rated, lowest price Proposer for the Metro Fixed Route Service Quality and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance for an amount not to exceed $569,184, inclusive of three one-year options;

• Approved:
  o The short list of respondents to the Union Station Master Plan (Master Plan) Request for Information and Qualifications for participation in the Master Plan Request for Proposals (RFP) and authorizing payment of an amount not to exceed $10,000 as a stipend to each short listed respondent submitting a complete response to the Master Plan RFP;
  o Authorizing the CEO or his designee subject to receipt of the Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to execute an Agreement with BNSF Railway Company to cease rail operations and abandon its interest in the Crenshaw Segment Portion of the Harbor Branch right-of-way. Also, authorize the CEO to execute such other agreements, forms, and other documents needed to implement such BNSF abandonment. The FTA issued the ROD for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor on December 30, 2011;
  o The nominee, Marisa Perez, for membership on the Gateway Cities Service Council to fill the unexpired term of George Bass. The term will end on June 30, 2014;
  o Director Wilson’s motion to appoint two additional members to the MTA Citizen Advisory Council:
    ▪ Mr. Michael Conrad who has been a member of the Access Transit Citizen Advisory Board; and
    ▪ Ms. Sherry Bailey who has been an active community member in the Crenshaw-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Park communities;
  o Directors Antonovich and DuBois’ motion that the Board:
    ▪ Support the allocation of the $950 million in Proposition 1A funds programmed for connectivity projects throughout California, specifically those allocated for the Regional Connector;
    ▪ Direct the CEO to develop a list of projects in Los Angeles County that provide for advance investment in rail corridors while providing advance benefit for residents of Los Angeles County;
    ▪ Urge investment in Southern California’s segment of rail to ensure timely connections to population centers and key ridership areas concurrently with other program development;
    ▪ Continue working with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CAHSRA) to address the interests and concerns of stakeholders in Los Angeles County; and
    ▪ Direct the CEO to send a letter to the CAHSRA discussing all items mentioned above;

• Adopted:
  o The proposed 2012 Federal and State Legislative Program. Director Fasana requested delegation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) authority
for transit projects be listed as an agency goal in the Federal Legislative Program;

- **Approved Director Knabe’s motion as amended by Director Ridley-Thomas on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor that the Board direct the CEO to:**
  - Include the Westchester (Manchester/Aviation) Station (at-grade near Hindry) as a bid option during the construction procurement and establish a clear pecking order for the additional option with the condition that the Westchester Station is contingent upon the Leimert Park/Vernon underground station being constructed;
  - Recommend for Board approval a design/build contract for the two options that were adopted by the Board on May 26, 2011 and include the Westchester Station if a responsible and responsive bid is received that is less than or equal to the adopted life of project (LOP) budget of $1.749 billion;
  - Authorize a contract modification in the amount of $300,000 to complete the additional design and engineering work needed for the Project, to prepare the Westchester Station Option for the construction procurement, that is within the adopted LOP budget; and
  - Staff report back to the Board in 90 days on other possible options for providing transit services to this community such as the Green Line to LAX project. The report should include timelines for options and possible funding sources that are outside the adopted LOP budget for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor;

- **Approved as Amended:**
  - Receiving and filing the update on the FTA Civil Rights Compliance Audit. Villaraigosa Amendment that the Board direct the CEO to:
    - Comply and adhere to all General Reporting and Program-Specific Requirements, in accordance with the FTA Circular 4702.1A;
    - Complete and submit a corrective action plan that complies with all the FTA Title VI compliance audit findings and requirements no later than the April 2012 MTA Board cycle;
    - Ensure that all executives, staff, and consultants responsible for Title VI compliance receive additional training, including, but not limited to:
      - Reviewing all current FTA Title VI standards, directives, and procedures;
      - Participating in and/or attending official FTA Title VI training sessions; and
      - Participating in FTA sponsored Title VI Technical Assistance Webinars;
    - Provide a monthly status report on the corrective action plan and training to the Executive Management Committee.

Ms. Pan announced that:

- MTA is hosting a Bike Share Demonstration on January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. on the Plaza Level of the MTA Headquarters Building. For more information, please contact Lynne Goldsmith at (213) 922-3068; and
The newly formed San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (COG) is requesting formal recognition as a new Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) subregion at the Executive Administration Committee and Regional Council on January 5, 2012. The San Fernando Valley COG is comprised of the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and portions of Los Angeles City and County. Upon approval from SCAG, the MTA Board will consider adding the San Fernando Valley COG as a League of California Cities voting member to TAC in February.

4. Public Comments
Dr. Tom Williams introduced himself as a representative of the Sierra Club Transportation Committee and the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council 32, which is primarily concerned with Caltrans and MTA’s involvement in Northeast Los Angeles.

5. Consent Calendar
A motion to approve the November 2, 2011 minutes was made by Ellen Blackman (Citizen Representative on ADA) and seconded by John Walker (County of Los Angeles). The motion was approved with no objections.

6. LACMTA Green Construction Policy (Cris Liban, MTA)
Mr. Liban reported that MTA staff made a presentation at the October 20th Construction Committee meeting regarding policy implementation, provisions, and outreach. Since October, outreach has continued through speaking engagements at various events that were convened by organizations such as the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), South Bay Cities COG Infrastructure Working Group, San Fernando Valley Green Team, Breathe LA, as well as MTA’s “Meet the Primes” for the Exposition Transit Corridor and Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor projects.

Mr. Liban reported that MTA staff reviewed the Design Guidelines and incorporated the Green Construction Policy (Policy) provisions, renewable energy policies, and climate change and adaptation principles. The edited guidelines will begin the agency approval process in February, and the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor will likely be the first project to implement the new Design Guidelines. The Policy provisions will also be incorporated into MTA procurement and Preliminary Engineering (PE) documents for Measure R and other MTA projects.

MTA staff is working with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to create a training program for the Policy. Since the beginning of last year, the CARB implemented the documentation of non-green equipment in the construction industry to track the remediation of this equipment. Mr. Liban announced that research has been conducted regarding additional funding resources through SCAQMD for stakeholders who are interested in greening their fleets.

MTA staff developed a draft report on affected MTA Programs and City projects related to the Policy. The draft report is currently being reviewed by Executive Management and will be outlined at the February 1, 2012 TAC meeting.
Staff continues to regularly meet with Regional Communications and Construction staff and is coordinating with Caltrans for potential Policy in future Caltrans projects. Also, MTA Director Wilson requested that Caltrans District 7 Director Miles report back to the Board at the end of January about the comparison between MTA and Caltrans’ policies. The City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office is working with MTA staff regarding the implementation of the Policy in Los Angeles and the potential formation of a Working Group.

Ken Hustig (City of Los Angeles) asked what has been done to work with different municipalities to ensure that they abide by the Policy? Mr. Liban responded that a Working Group was formed to receive feedback from municipalities regarding the Policy’s implementation. The municipalities were requested to report back to the Working Group with comments from their respective jurisdictions’ stakeholders, contractors, and administrators.

Mohammad Mostahkami (Gateway Cities COG) asked when will there be an opportunity to view the MTA Design Guidelines and Specifications? Mr. Liban responded that after approval, he will outline the Design Guidelines at an upcoming TAC meeting.

7. Call for Projects (Rena Lum, MTA)
Ms. Lum announced that the results from the Call for Projects (Call) Survey are currently being finalized and should be ready to be presented at the next TAC meeting. Ms. Lum provided information about the background, funding, and application process for the Call.

The first Call was held in 1993 and was initiated by a combination of coinciding legislation. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) provided flexible programming for transit, highway, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects with the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds for FY 1993 and 1994. Prior to ISTEA, funds were allocated through categorical grants. Proposition 111 and Proposition C enabled more flexible funding for projects and provided a source of state and local funds, respectively.

The first Call identified projects for the 1993 to 1999 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) cycle. State and Federal statutes required that funding be allocated based on mobility and projects reflect regional needs. The Call is typically held biennially during odd-numbered years and is at the discretion of the Board, depending upon funding availability. Each Call is different, depending on new legislation, agency initiatives, funding issues, and evolving modal categories. For instance, Freeway High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes and Gap Closures used to be its own modal category, but it is no longer allowed in the Call.

Funding Sources for the Call:

- Local – Proposition C 10% funds for Transit Capital projects; and Proposition C 25% funds for Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI), Goods Movement, and Signal Synchronization and Bus Improvements modes;
- State – State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds are used for Pedestrian Improvements, Bikeways Improvements, and Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) projects; and
Federal – CMAQ is the only source of funds for TDM and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) fund is very flexible and used for RSTI, Goods Movement, Pedestrian Improvements, Bikeway Improvements, and TEA projects.

Funding also changes over time. The 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identified the funding available for each Call cycle and mode. The Call requires financial participation from the local sponsor in order to extend limited funds. The required local match percentage is higher for more costly projects, such as RSTI projects.

The application process is comprised of five steps:

- Application development begins when the Board initiates the Call. MTA holds internal weekly staff meetings for all Modal Leads. The Modal Leads review, refine, and update applications during this period. For example, Goods Movement was separated from RSTI because when the modes were combined, the questions did not yield the answers that MTA staff needed in order to adequately evaluate Goods Movement projects. TAC and its Subcommittees also have the opportunity to provide comments during the process. Substantive policy changes require approval from Executive Management and the Board. MTA staff holds as-needed meetings with the internal Steering Committee, and the Information Technology Services department works on the online application and real-time database;

- The application is released as a working draft pending Board approval. MTA staff holds applicant workshops at the Metro Headquarters Building and throughout the subregions. MTA staff strongly encourages potential applicants to meet with the Modal Leads, whose contact information is available online;

- During the evaluation period, applicants cannot contact Modal Leads and all contact is directed to Ms. Lum. Contact is only permitted when the Modal Leads initiate communication to verify or obtain information that was accidentally omitted in the Call applications. The Modal Leads assemble evaluation teams consisting of three to five members, which provide subregional and modal expertise. Then, MTA staff releases the Preliminary Funding Recommendation (Rainbow Report);

- The TAC appeals process begins. As identified in the 2009 LRTP, five to ten percent of the money available for the Call is set aside in the LRTP reserve so that TAC can make funding allocation recommendations for MTA staff to consider; and

- Board approval and inclusion of the projects from the Call into the SCAG RTIP is the final step. The schedule is constrained by the TIP deadline, which is typically at the end of November. Applicants have 10 to 12 weeks to complete their applications and Modal Leads have 10 to 12 weeks to evaluate those applications, excluding holidays. MTA staff tries to initiate the Call earlier than the summer, but prior approval from the Board is required.

The Board can decide to cancel or suspend the Call at any time. For instance, the Call was cancelled in 2003 and MTA did not hold the Call in 2005 due to funding issues.

Mr. Williams (Public) stated that the 95 Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles did not hear about the Call during the previous year, except through City Hall. He was informed by representatives of one of the MTA Director’s offices that certain projects would
proceed, and then learned that those projects had already been eliminated at a City Hall meeting. Mr. Williams stated that greater public and community participation is necessary.

Patrick DeChellis (County of Los Angeles) requested that a written copy of the Call summary be provided. Ms. Lum confirmed that a copy would be made available.

8. Strategy for Short Range Transportation Plan (Rena Lum, MTA)
Ms. Lum reported that the current LRTP was adopted in 2009, the prior LRTP was adopted in 2001, and the most recent Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP) was adopted in 2003. In October 2011, the Board introduced the motion asking MTA staff to develop a SRTP to prioritize the agency’s needs and allocate available resources. MTA staff will be submitting a Receive and File Board Report in January that will identify a strategy on how to develop a SRTP.

David Feinberg (Westside Cities COG) asked whether the process will involve stakeholders or have a Board-level approach? Ms. Lum responded that the process will be similar to the LRTP process, so there will be outreach involving stakeholders and COGs. TAC will be updated regularly.

9. Legislative Update (Marisa Yeager and Michael Turner, MTA)

Federal
Ms. Yeager reported that the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) has not received a Federal Reauthorization; there have only been continued extensions. SAFETEA-LU is in its eighth extension, and another extension is a possibility within the next year. Chairman Mica of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee may be chairing a hearing in the House of Representatives during February. Additional hearings are expected in the Senate for the Reauthorization Bill.

Ms. Yeager reported that many of the Appropriations bills were moved forward with existing levels of funding. Thus, there are some concerns regarding the impact on funding for the New Starts Program, which affects the Westside Subway Extension and Regional Connector. There is a new proposal to separate Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) funding from the New Starts Program.

Ms. Yeager reported that bond opportunities are still being explored for America Fast Forward. No Federal funds are expected from Congress to move High-Speed Rail forward. The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project received its ROD last week which enables staff to move forward with negotiations for a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan. MTA staff is working with Senator Boxer’s staff to discuss several changes in the TIFIA requirements that were included in the TIFIA Reauthorization Bill that was released.

State
Mr. Turner announced that the California Legislature is back in session, and the budget proposal is expected to be released on January 10, 2012. There are several major issues that tangentially involve transportation. The California Supreme Court decision regarding
Redevelopment agencies may affect redevelopment funding related to transportation projects and joint development projects, such as affordable housing projects in redevelopment areas.

Mr. Turner reported that Governor Brown’s 12-Point Plan and proposed ballot measures regarding pension reform may affect new and existing public employees. If such a measure passes the legislature or ballot in November, then employees may seek to retire before this would take effect. There are about 1,500 employees at MTA who could retire if pension reform occurred, and this could have a significant impact on the agency. Committee hearings regarding pension reform are anticipated to take place later in January.

The need for the State to continue selling bonds is an issue affecting transportation. The Alameda Corridor-East project and several other Los Angeles County projects rely upon bond sales, and continued bond sales are necessary to fund future transportation projects. Operational funding is also a concern since the budget is unbalanced and cuts are necessary. The Home-to-School Transportation Program was impacted and traditional bus service could potentially be cut in the future.

The California High-Speed Rail Project received a critical peer review report regarding its Draft 2012 Business Plan. The $2.5 billion in bonds from Proposition 1A is a concern that was addressed in the peer review report.

Lupe Valdez (Good Movement Representative) asked if Mr. Turner had a chance to brief TAC regarding the California Transportation Commission (CTC) 10-year Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment? Mr. Turner responded that TAC has not yet been briefed. Ms. Pan asked Patricia Chen (MTA) to invite a speaker for an upcoming TAC meeting.

10. FY 2012 Solicitation for Proposals for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs (Ashad Hamideh, MTA)

Mr. Hamideh reported that there is up to $31.6 million of Federal funds that will be available for the FY 2012 Solicitation for Proposals (Solicitation) for the JARC and New Freedom Programs. About $21.6 million is available for the JARC Program and about $9.3 million for the New Freedom Program. The JARC Program aims to provide lower income individuals with better access to job opportunities and fund projects and programs that serve reverse commutes. The New Freedom Program funds new programs that provide services beyond the ADA requirements and were also established after SAFETEA-LU was enacted on August 10, 2005. Eligible applicants for the FY 2012 Solicitation include not-for-profit organizations, local or State government authorities, and operators of public transportation services. Applicants can submit a request for a project or program to be funded up to 100 percent Federal share funding. This pilot program is provided by Caltrans, using toll credits as a source of local match. The official Solicitation announcement is expected to occur after the January 26th Board meeting. Workshops will be held on February 7-9, 2012 for potential applicants, and MTA staff will encourage the COGs, not-for-profit organizations, and Executive Office of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to hold additional workshops at various locations to promote public outreach and participation. Additional
information regarding the Solicitation is posted online at [http://www.metro.net/projects/jarc/](http://www.metro.net/projects/jarc/).

Eligible applicants can submit a request for funding for up to three years. Projects are required to address the gaps defined in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. Partnerships are encouraged to initiate projects that benefit the target populations of the JARC and New Freedom Programs and address air quality, mobility, and other goals related to Los Angeles County. Applications are evaluated by representatives from SCAG, Caltrans, and regional transportation agencies, and the final decision is ultimately made by the Board. The anticipated deadline for applications is April 27, 2012. Application evaluations will occur at the beginning of May and then be presented to the Board in June. Grant applications are then submitted to the FTA and usually take three months for approval. Any questions regarding the Solicitation can be directed to MTA staff at (213) 922-4299.

Dana Lee (BOS) asked whether toll credits can be used to offset the local share for operating projects? Mr. Hamideh responded that operating project submissions can propose toll credits as the local match, but Federal funds cannot be used for fares.

Ms. Blackman asked if MTA staff has a list of potential applicants from non-profit agencies? Mr. Hamideh responded that MTA staff has several contact lists of potential non-profit applicants.

**11. I-210 Truck Origin-Destination Study (Teresa Fong, MTA)**

Ms. Fong reported that the I-210 Truck Origin-Destination Study (Study) is complete. The Study was completed over the course of six months. The study area included a 20-mile portion of the I-210 from the SR-134 in Pasadena to the SR-57 in San Dimas. The main objective was to identify the origins and destinations of heavy-duty trucks, travel patterns, and types of commodities being transported. Caltrans and SCAG were involved throughout the Study. The primary methodology included literature review and data collection. The data collection included machine counts at arterials, manual intersection turning movement counts, and freeway video surveillance. Surveys were conducted at warehouses and distribution centers. Freight operators and truck driver intercept interviews were also compiled.

The results indicated that the most concentrated volumes of heavy-duty trucks occurred slightly west of the I-605 interchange. Warehouses, distribution centers, and freight operators were mostly located in Irwindale, Azusa, Duarte, and El Monte. The greatest concentration of heavy-duty trucks had origins in Los Angeles County, Inland Empire, Central California, and Orange County. The results will be presented as a Receive and File Board Report to the MTA Board.

Mr. Walker asked what was the goal and purpose of the I-210 Study? Ms. Fong responded that the goal was to gain working knowledge and statistical information for future planning purposes. Mr. Yamarone asked when will the I-210 Study be presented to the Board? Ms. Fong responded January 26, 2012. Mr. Mostahkami asked if the study area would be
expanded to another area, such as the I-710? Ms. Fong responded that there are currently no other plans to expand the study area.

Larry Stevens (San Gabriel Valley COG) asked if the I-210 Study could be combined with other truck information in order to determine future truck travel? Ms. Fong responded that the Study focused only on current conditions and forecasting was not conducted. Mr. Stevens asked whether the I-10, I-210, or I-60 is the most heavily utilized truck corridor? Ms. Fong answered that the Study did not provide information about the I-10 or I-60.

Mr. Mostahkami asked what was the cost and funding source for the Study? Ms. Fong responded that the cost was approximately $116,000 and was a component of the High Desert Corridor funding.

12. CTC Update (Patricia Chen, MTA)
Ms. Chen reported the following updates announced at the December 14th Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) meeting:

- The State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) is funded by Proposition 1B and consists of a competitive program and formula program. The competitive program is open to local jurisdictions that have a fee program that is dedicated to transportation. This is an annual fifty percent match program that ends in FY 2013;
- MTA received a cautionary message from Caltrans regarding safety programs, such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Safe Routes to School Program; and
- Federal funds cannot be used to purchase electric vehicles. A waiver is being processed, but is not yet available.

The Commissioners also expressed concern about whether the Corridor Mobility Improvements Account (CMIA) funding for the I-5 South Project would meet the Proposition 1B deadline of December 2012. MTA is handling appraisals for commercial properties to assist Caltrans. CTC meetings will be occurring nearly every month during 2012. The January meeting will be held in Sacramento, and the February meeting will be held in either Glendale or Burbank.

13. Congestion Mitigation Fee (Robert Calix, MTA)
Mr. Calix explained that the Congestion Mitigation Fee is a fee on new development that MTA staff is exploring through pilot studies in every subregion of Los Angeles County. Within the last six months, four subregional nexus analyses were completed. The San Gabriel Valley study’s results were shared with the COG and local jurisdictions. The rest of the studies will be presented in workshops. The Technical Analysis Workshop for each jurisdiction in the South Bay Subregion is on January 10, 2012. Additional workshops will be held in the Westside Cities and Arroyo Verdugo Subregions within the next 30 - 60 days.

Within the last few months, Mr. Calix briefed every Council District in the City of Los Angeles and they approved a nexus analysis. Results from the City of Los Angeles and North Los Angeles County are expected during February.
During the January 2012 Board Cycle, MTA staff will request a contract modification for necessary modeling activities due to the additional meetings with each jurisdiction. Upon completion of each nexus analysis, economic benefit analyses will be conducted to determine the impact of the Congestion Mitigation Fee on economic activity and potential benefits from congestion reduction. Most of the subregion studies should be completed by May 2012 and all of the studies should be finished by June/July 2012. MTA staff will return to the Board to present the comments and results in order to determine whether program development will proceed.

14. Other Business
Eyvonne Drummonds (SCAQMD) requested that jurisdictions receiving funds from the AB2766 Subvention Fund Program submit their annual reports to SCAQMD by February 3, 2012 and attend training sessions on the new submittal process. The training schedule is available online at http://www.aqmd.gov/trans/ab2766.html.

15. Adjournment
Ms. Pan announced that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012 in the William Mulholland Conference Room, 15th floor. If you have questions regarding the next meeting, please contact Matthew Abbott at (213) 922-3071 or email abbottm@metro.net.
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