1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Renee Berlin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Randy Lamm (MTA) took roll and declared a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes from the December 5th meeting were approved without corrections.

3. REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES
   BOS (Brynn Kernaghan)
   • BOS did not meet in December and the next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2002
   • The BOS will review their goals, priorities and receive information from MTA regarding the mid-year funding mark adjustment to revenues
   • Reviewing the training needs for new members and the regional pass that will be partially implemented in phases in Los Angeles County within the next few months
   • Reviewing changes that need to be made to NTD reports to the Federal Government due to the MTA strike that occurred a year and a half ago, and how the strike impacts the flow of funding

   LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS (Joyce Rooney)
   • LTSS did not meet in December
   • Some LTSS members met with the Third Tier Task force, which is composed of staff from MTA and other cities
   • Next meeting scheduled for January 31, 2002

   STREETS AND FREEWAYS (Pat DeChellis)
   • No meeting in December
   • The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2002

   TDM/AIR QUALITY (Mark Yamarone)
   • The Subcommittee met on January 8, 2002
   • Discussed TDM comments for TEA-21 Reauthorization
• Staff briefed the TDM/AQ Subcommittee on an upcoming Technology and Innovation Forum to be held in April
• Lynn Goldsmith provided an update on the Bikeway programs
• Under Air Quality issues, Doug Kim announced that the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee (MSRC) would be putting together their 2002 funding package. If cities have TDM or alternative fuel programs, they should be directed to Mr. Kim for inclusion in the funding program
• Next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2002 at the MTA

4. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**
• Ms. Berlin announced that Charles Stark, Executive Officer for Construction retired and Dennis Mori, Deputy Executive Officer for the Red Line Segment 3 was named as the interim Chief for MTA Construction.
• Allan Lipsky resigned effective December 31, 2001. He will continue to work with the CEO on special projects.
• On January 7, 2002, MTA and Montebello Bus lines held a press conference to formally announce that Montebello Bus lines will honor the MTA monthly bus pass.
• At a special closed session meeting on January 9th, the MTA Board will give direction to the CEO with regards to the Consent Decree and whether to pursue a U.S. Supreme Court appeal.
• In anticipation of the 2003 Call for Projects, staff is working with various sub-regions to arrange workshops to assist local jurisdictions with project development and explaining the Call for Projects process. Staff has been working with Pat DeChellis (LA Co. DPW) and his City Services staff to have them give a presentation and handouts on the AB 2928 Local Return program. In addition, there will be presentations on Proposition A and C Local Return, STP-L and Caltrans staff will be available to provide information on the Local Assistance program, filling out forms and filing with Caltrans. Tentative workshops are scheduled for: **Arroyo Verdugo and Las Virgenes/Malibu COGs and the North County** - on February 11, 2002 at 9:30am in the Burbank City Hall, City Council Room; **South Bay** - February 13, 2002 at 9:00 am at the Carson Community Center; **Westside Cities** - February 28, 2002 at 10:00 am at the Culver City City Hall; **Gateway Cities** – and the **San Gabriel Valley COG** are currently arranging times. Ms. Berlin stated that any suggestions or ideas for the sub-regional workshops are welcome. Staff will be putting together a workbook.
• On December 13th, the SCAG Transportation /Communication Committee and Regional Council held a joint meeting where they voted to reconsider the Arbor Vitae Interchange/Southern Half’s inclusion in the RTP and the RTIP. Additionally, at the CTC meeting on December 12th, the CTC directed that a letter be sent to SCAG about the process used for removing the project from both documents. The letter was faxed to SCAG for their meeting on the 13th. SCAG’s RTP and RTIP amendments for the Arbor Vitae Project require a 30 day public review and will be presented to the SCAG Regional Council in February or March.
• The South STIP hearing will be held on January 30, 2002 at 10:00am at LAX in the LAWA Administration Building in the Samuel Greenberg Board Room.
• Carol Dedeaux (MTA Capital Planning) made a quick presentation on the Regional TEA Obligation workshops that MTA will be holding every three months. The first workshop is scheduled February 5th. The City of Los Angeles obligated ten projects within the last couple of months and as a result, no funds are subject to lapse this year. The workshops are intended to be “hands on” where staff would give a status report of a project and in turn Capital Planning will provide assistance. Caltrans Local Assistance and Environmental staffs will be present to provide assistance in Project Initiation to avoid the problem of lapsing funds. There appears to be a problem with sponsors following through on their projects. This may be due in part to the change in project sponsors who are unaware of how the TEA process works.

• Ms. Berlin pointed out Attachment 2 in the agenda packet, the MTA 90 Day Rolling Agenda. She cautioned TAC that this is an evolving document and reflects staff’s best estimate for items being presented to the Board. She mentioned that the TAC Subcommittee Chairs had expressed interest in a presentation on the Sales Tax forecast. Ms. Berlin has contacted Terry Matsumoto to determine his availability for a presentation to TAC. She indicated that if there is anything on the Rolling Agenda that would be of interest to TAC members to let her know. The attachment is sorted in two ways, by Committee and by Month.

• On January 3, 2002, the TAC Subcommittee Chairs held their quarterly meeting. Those present included: Andre Colaiace (BOS), Bill Winter (S&F), Joyce Rooney (LTSS) and Mark Yamarone (TDM/AQ). The major item on the agenda was TEA-21 Reauthorization. Mr. Colaiace provided Claudette Moody (MTA Government Relations) with comments from BOS. Ms. Moody reminded the Subcommittee Chairs that comments are due January 15th. Ms. Moody also commented that the TEA-21 position document she is preparing is fluid, and will evolve and change as she collects input and continues the discussion with MTA’s funding partners. Also on the agenda, was the need for the Subcommittees to review their membership and bylaws as a result of the TAC reorganization. The MTA Rolling agenda was discussed. The Subcommittee chairs requested information on the forecast of Sales Tax Receipts and MTA’s mid-year budget.

• Ms. Berlin reported that staff is very close to hiring the consultants for the Capacity Enhancement/System Preservation Needs Assessment Study. A Steering Committee has been identified and the first meeting will be held in February.

• Staff is working on developing an orientation packet for the new TAC members. If anyone has any suggestions as to what should be included in the packet, please contact staff.

• Steve Finnegan (Auto Club) asked if an update could be provided on the Wilshire BRT project and the dedicated lane test at the February meeting. James Okazaki (LADOT) commented that there isn’t any test yet, there may be one on the way. Ms. Berlin suggested that a status update could be provided.

• Mark Bozigian (League of Cities) asked if TAC could hear about the HOV Performance Study. It was suggested that this could be presented at the next Streets and Freeways meeting.
5. **TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION**

Claudette Moody was not available, so Michael Turner asked if TAC had any questions or comments that he could take back. Ms. Kernaghan commented that in the principles there is nothing that address issues such as AB1677, the bill that mandates a 30-minute lunch for bus operators. Ms. Kernaghan asked if the MTA has a position on this bill. Mr. Turner replied that he may take it to the Board in February, depending upon what happens in Sacramento.

Ms. Kernaghan commented that the rest of TAC may want to review the BOS (and other Subcommittee) comments and recommended changes before Ms. Moody presents her initial document to the MTA Board. Ms. Berlin suggested that once Claudette Moody assimilates the comments received, it might be worthwhile for TAC to see the draft. Mr. Turner and Ms. Berlin indicated they would get back to TAC to inform them as to the type of action Ms. Moody will be asking the Board to take. Don Dey (City of Long Beach) asked how comments from local agencies feed into the process. Ms. Berlin responded that Claudette assumes each of the local jurisdictions may have comments about their own individual projects, as well as comments on the TEA-21 Reauthorization principles, and that it is a fluid document. Bill Winter (LA Co. DPW) mentioned that Ms. Moody is looking for successful projects to use as examples supporting a rationale for continuing a particular program, and also for earmark projects to include in the document.

6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Michael Turner (MTA) provided the following update. The Governor gave his State of the State speech and there was no mention of cuts to Transportation funding.

- In the past, there have been rumors about changing the ITIP/RTIP split, but no specific action has been taken yet on the 25/75 ITIP/RTIP split. There were rumors about a 50/50 split, but no proposed legislation. The CTC has commented that the Los Angeles County portion is greater than the State portion.
- The budget will be published tomorrow and will be available on the Internet. The Governor has also called a special session of the legislature to deal with retroactivity of unemployment benefits. The Governor has made several proposals to reduce spending and he’s asking the Legislature to look at those issues.
- Staff will be presenting three bills to the MTA Board.
- **Proposition 42** – Staff will be asking the Board to support this March Ballot Initiative which will permanently dedicate the Sales Tax on gasoline to Transportation purposes. David Feinberg (League of Cities) commented that it was in everyone’s best interest to support this proposition

**MOTION:** Mr. Feinberg made a motion that the TAC support Prop 42 on the March ballot and recommend that the MTA Board support the Proposition. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

- **AB 629** (Oropeza) – Amended to include the language from AB1079 from last year, that requires two-way communication devices on transit vehicles. Staff will be recommending that the Board support the amended bill. The bill will include a provision that will allow the
CHP to give an agency a one-year waiver if unable to provide the equipment. The amendment also requests the Business Transportation & Housing Agency to work with transit agencies on how to best implement the measure to make it less onerous.

- **SB 18** (Alarcon) - Deals with restructuring the MTA Board and Bus Riders’ Bill of Rights. The bill has been amended several times to include:
  1) TDA legislation that was amended to allow a one-time $50 million transfer of funds to LA County on the condition that MTA not be allowed to reduce bus service or shift funds that might impact bus service. The legislation had an original sunset date of January 1, 2002. This bill is proposing to extend the sunset to January 2008. MTA’s position is that the extension of the statute is not needed as the transaction has been completed.
  2) Board restructuring to change the number of members- to 14 with 12 voting and 2 non-voting (ex-officio) members
     - 3 members from the LA County Board of Supervisors;
     - 3 members from the City of Los Angeles:
       - the Mayor;
       - 2 appointees by the President of the City Council:
         - a City Council member
         - a public member appointed by the President;
     - 4 sub-regional representatives (Southeast Long Beach, San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley, and South Bay);
     - 2 public members representing the Bus Riders Union;
     - 2 ex-officio members:
       - 1 appointed by Governor
       - 1 representative from the California Transportation Commission.
  3) The last provision would require a California Bus Riders’ Bill of Rights. This would mandate transit agencies statewide to include specified provisions (passenger counts, dealing with over-crowding -- buying more vehicles, etc.).

SB 18 will be taken to the Board next week, where staff will recommend an oppose position. The Board has historically opposed any restructuring efforts as the existing composition of the Board was developed through a consensus of LA County.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kernaghan made a motion that the TAC oppose SB 18 and recommend that the MTA Board oppose SB 18. Mr. Feinberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**OTHER LEGISLATION**

- **AB 630** (Oropeza) - Requires the MTA to prepare a report on security issues for transit agencies in the County. AB 630 requests the MTA to complete the report it started and submit it to the Legislature. Staff is working with Assembly Member Oropeza’s office on the language. There are concerns about it being a mandate and whether the state really
needs to make it a mandate, and the cost that MTA will incur to produce the report. The Senate Transportation Committee Hearing is scheduled for January 14, 2002.

- **AB 1039** (Oropeza) – This bill has been amended to allow the MTA to have more control and enforcement over loitering at transit facilities and also allow more control to prosecute graffiti vandalism. Basically, it will give the MTA more authority to enact its own types of ordinances. It’s starting just for Los Angeles County, but there is talk about broadening the legislation to others.

- **SB 934** (Margett) - **False Claims Act**: MTA used the False Claims act to prosecute Tutor-Saliba. One of the issues that came out of that is that public agencies are not allowed to collect attorney’s fees and costs as part of the judgment. SB 934 makes it more difficult to prosecute a False Claims act. MTA is taking the opposite position to SB 934, by attempting to introduce legislation that would allow public agencies to collect attorney’s fees and costs. The biggest obstacle to pursuing a false claims is the fees. This has an impact to public agencies beyond transportation.

- **AB 321** (Vargas) - This amended bill creates districts for transit-oriented development around transit stations similar to Business Improvement Districts (BID).

### 7. 2002 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)

Hal Suetsugu (MTA) discussed the Governor’s proposed $892 million in proposed ITIP funding to projects statewide. Mr. Suetsugu distributed a draft Board box item that will be distributed to MTA Board members this month. It discusses the details of the projects on the ITIP list. In December, Caltrans released its ITIP recommendations to include $99.3 million for projects within LA County. Of that, $84 million qualified for the Urban portion split for North Counties vs. South Counties and $10 million qualified for the Rural portion for Route 138 with $5 million for Inner City Rail projects. Approximately 39% came to LA County. This is the first time it has gone over 30%, and it’s the first time LA County has received Rural funds. Alberto Angelini (Caltrans) commented that after six months of discussion with Caltrans Headquarters and showing the importance of the projects and the commitment of MTA and ITIP, Caltrans District 7 was able to increase the total to $99.3 million. Haripal Vir (LADOT) asked what is the I-5 Widening project? (line item 68). Mr. Angelini responded that it is the I-5 widening in South LA County from the Orange County line to the I-605. This project was originally going to build a greater scope project -- up to the I-710, with interim widening, and with interim HOV lanes. Using TCRP funds and STIP funds, this project will build the full widening up to the I-605, but not including the I-605 interchange. James Okazaki (LADOT) wanted to know what were the SMART Parking (line 109) and the Car Sharing (line 110) projects. Mr. Angelini will get the information on those projects and send it to Randy Lamm who will e-mail it to the TAC members. Mr. Suetsugu mentioned that January 30th will be the South Portion 2002 STIP hearing which will lead to approval of the STIP at the April CTC meeting.

### 8. STPL UPDATE

Gigi Burns (MTA) gave an update on the STPL Lapsing balances. The last time STPL balances were presented at TAC, there were 36 cities that were subject to lapse, with a total lapsing amount of $5,102,559. As of January 1st, there are now 39 cities subject to lapse.
lapsing balance is now $4,379,158. The detail sheet shows which cites from the last meeting have obligated and which have been extended. The increase in cities subject to lapse is due to corrections in the STPL transactions. Mr. Suetsugu indicated they would provide an update at the February TAC meeting.

9. CALL FOR PROJECTS
Wanda Knight (MTA Capital Planning) gave an update on the STIP deadlines: March 12th is the last day to submit a request to re-program RIP funded projects in FY 03 to FY 04 and beyond, to Caltrans, so project sponsors should submit their paperwork to the MTA for concurrence by March 1st. Ms. Knight thanked those that submitted their MOU/LOAs on time, and indicated there are still many that are outstanding. Ms. Knight also mentioned that this year the CEO is signing all the agreements, so the process is taking longer. She also indicated that those sponsors that did not make any effort to get their scopes of work -- Attachment C, and financial tables Attachment A and B, turned in would be subject to lapse. Those that made the effort, but whose agreements were not executed by December 31st would not be subject to lapse. Ms. Berlin also commented that a letter would be sent out to project sponsors reminding them of the RIP deadlines for allocation requests, and extensions for projects programmed in FY 02. The deadline for these extension requests to be turned into Caltrans is April 16th. Mr. DeChellis (LACODPW) asked when a list would be available for those that missed the deadline and are subject to lapse. Ms. Knight responded that staff was currently working on the list and the letter to sponsors. Mr. Bozigian suggested that the Subcommittees should now start reviewing the existing call applications so that they can make timely recommendations to staff for changes for the 2003 Call for Projects. Mr. Bozigian also asked if staff had started working on the next Call process. Ms. Berlin indicated that staff would likely start in the next couple of months. Mr. Winter asked if the new application would include a process & criteria for pavement rehabilitation/capacity enhancement projects. Ms. Berlin responded that staff has just started to discuss how to address the item approved by the MTA Board.

10. NEW BUSINESS
No new business

11. ADJOURNMENT
Renee Berlin adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. The next TAC meeting will be on February 6th at 9:30am in the Union Station Room.