

**MOTION FROM DIRECTORS KNABE AND RIDLEY-THOMAS
ACCELERATING THE LAX/AIRPORT METRO CONNECTOR
GREEN LINE EXTENSION TO LAX**

Connecting Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) directly to the Metro Rail System is among our highest priorities. Completing an accelerated transit connection to LAX by 2019, concurrent with the planned opening of the Crenshaw/LAX Line, would show our prospective Federal funding partners and regulatory agencies that we are serious about working with them to build a transit system that makes sense and that we value a regional rail system directly connected to LAX.

Last month the MTA Board approved a preferred alternative rail connection that moves forward into the environmental review process. However, Metro's most recent Countywide Financial Forecasting Model (FY 2013-2040, Draft Short Range Financial Plan, March 13, 2014) continues to show that Metro's piece of the LAX transit connection won't be completed until 2028. We can and should do better than having the Green Line to LAX/Airport Metro Connector Project completed by 2028, an incredible 14 years from now. Working together to successfully align our planning, advocacy and funding efforts, we can reach the goal of completing the project in less than half the time.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE MTA BOARD:

Instruct the CEO to report back to the Board in September at the Planning and Construction Committees and at the September 25, 2014 full Board Meeting, with written details on the strategic next steps and plan to "accelerate" completion of the Green Line to LAX/Airport Metro Connector Project, for project delivery by 2019, on a timeline that complements both the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Project and the South Bay Green Line Extension Project, which are connected to and share the Green Line Corridor. The report is requested to include the following:

- A. A detailed action plan that includes an array of funding alternatives, formal arrangements for working with LAWA, as well as local, state, and federal partners, to fund and implement the Green Line to LAX/Airport Metro Connector Project on an accelerated schedule to deliver the project by 2019;
- B. A specific approach to advocacy efforts with relevant federal agencies including the FTA and FAA to better coordinate and align with the federal review process, including resolving any road blocks to project funding, implementation and acceleration;
- C. A detailed timeline and the specific MTA Board actions that are needed to accelerate delivery of the project including the environmental review, or other actions that may be necessary to complement, align and expedite project delivery to match the completion date of the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Project in 2019.