



Mobility-21

LA County Moving Together Los Angeles County Transportation Summit Resolution No. 2002-02 November 18, 2002

Transit

Description: Resolution requesting additional federal and state funding for transit needs in Los Angeles County, and advocating for more flexibility in the use of federal transportation funds.

WHEREAS, The public increasingly is demanding alternatives to clogged streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, Public demands are being made for improvements in public transit access and mobility; and

WHEREAS, As congestion worsens, options to maintain regional mobility in a safer and more environmentally sustainable manner are being sought; and

WHEREAS, Transit's role is to create a leading high quality intermodal transportation system that is clean, fast, reliable, comfortable and convenient.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mobility-21 Coalition:

THAT Mobility-21 hereby endorses the State of California and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Consensus Principles for Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), including:

- Funding for projects and programs identified in the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Long Range Transportation Plan,
- Increased 5309 New Starts funding for new fixed guideway systems and expansions,

- Increased funding for buses and bus facilities,
- Increased funding for transit capital and preventative maintenance,
- Increased funding for paratransit capital needs and the growing elderly and disabled population, and
- Increased flexibility in the use of CMAQ funding, and establishment of a flexible funding program for Bus Rapid Transit projects; and

THAT Mobility-21 recommends higher levels and smarter use of public and private investments to build an effective rapid transit system and provide people with alternatives to driving that include bicycle, taxicab, carshare, and paratransit systems; and

THAT Mobility-21 recommends greater education efforts to increase Los Angeles' awareness of transit's immediate needs and long-term benefits including air quality, access, and the economics of transit use; and

THAT Mobility-21 recommends greater consumer choice so transportation opportunities are available to meet the needs of varying life stages and preferences, while acknowledging Los Angeles' diverse market segments; and

THAT this resolution shall be widely circulated to interested parties to include the Los Angeles County congressional delegation, the Governor, members of the California legislature, the cities within the County, the media and others, and is so accordingly Ordered.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MOBILITY-21 COALITION, this 18th day of November, 2002.

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