

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: July 15, 2009

To: The Honorable City Council  
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall  
Attention: Honorable Tom LaBonge, Acting Chair  
Transportation CommitteeFrom: *for* Rita L. Robinson, General Manager  
Department of Transportation*John E. Fisher*Subject: **MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUNDS UPDATE (CF 09-0600-S48)****SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) is providing this report as an update of our progress and continued effort to develop guidelines and a budget process to address the City's transportation needs using Measure R local return funds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

DIRECT the Department of Transportation to report back in 60 days with a written report.

**DISCUSSION**

On July 9, 2009 DOT held a Measure R Local Return Interdepartmental Committee meeting to briefly discuss guidelines for Measure R budget/expenditures related to the City's 15% Local Return allocation. This meeting was attended by representatives from the Mayor's Office, several Council offices, Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, City Planning Department, Community Redevelopment Agency, and the Bureaus of Engineering and Street Services. The following tasks and key issues were discussed at this Committee meeting:

- Develop guidelines for the Measure R 15% Local Return budget process to address the City's transportation needs;
- Set aside the required 3% local match for rail/transit expansion projects;
- Maintain existing high use transit service before adding new service; and
- Continue leveraging funds to maximize grant opportunities.

The Committee discussed three budget scenarios:

- Plan A (Wish List representing all departmental needs) including requests from all the Council offices and Departments;
- Plan B (Balanced budget based on Metro's Draft 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan);
- Plan C (Balanced budget including Council Office discretionary funds).

DOT will continue discussions with the Interdepartmental Committee to complete the budget guidelines for Measure R 15% local return funds. The guidelines will be presented to the Mayor and City Council for final approval. by the City Council and Mayor.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no impact to the General Fund.

**COORDINATION**

The Department will continue to work with the Mayor's Office, City Council offices, Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, the Department of City Planning, the Bureaus of Street Services and Engineering, and the Community Redevelopment Agency.