

Resolution No. 2013-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO AWARDING FUNDS TO THE CRENSHAW/LAX TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT BY RE-ALLOCATING FUNDS FROM SOUTH BAY PROJECTS AND TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation (Metro) is considering the award of a design and construction contract for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project at its June 27, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Staff recommends increasing the life of project budget by \$160 million more than the project's April 2013 Metro Board-adopted life of project budget, and

WHEREAS, the Metro Measure R Unified Cost Management Process and Policy states that project funding shortfalls can be funded by reallocating funds from other projects within the sub-region(s) served by a project, and

WHEREAS, the Metro Board will also consider a Measure R Project funding acceleration policy at its June 27, 2013 meeting that will require Metro to issue bonds and take out loans guaranteed by Measure R, Proposition A and Proposition C, and

WHEREAS, the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project contract award recommendation for the June 27, 2013 meeting includes the use of \$47.1 million of Proposition C 25% funds currently allocated to the South Bay Highway Program and \$47.48 million of Measure R funding from the LAX-Metro Airport Connector transit project, as part of the \$160 million to be reallocated from the South Bay and Central areas to be served by the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, and

WHEREAS, the application of the April 2011 Metro Board- adopted Cost Management Process and Policy in this instance jeopardizes the very integrity for which the flawed policy was designed to protect and sacrifices regional equity by: 1) allowing project shortfalls to be made up utilizing funding committed to out-year sub-regional projects and programs , and 2) allowing funding commitments to be rescinded at the whim of the Metro Board without consultation or concurrence by the affected subregion(s), and

WHEREAS, the proposed acceleration policy would reduce the subregions' access to Measure R funds and require these funds to be spent before 2023, thereby dramatically increasing the probability that second and third decade Measure R projects promised to the voters in Measure R, the November 2008 L. A. County ½-percent sales tax increase for transportation improvements, will not be built;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by adoption of this resolution, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments hereby:

- **OPPOSES** METRO Staff recommendations for items #10 and # 52 on the June 27, 2013 METRO Board Agenda items
- **OPPOSES** the use of South Bay Highway Program funds and LAX-Crenshaw Connector funds as part of the contract award recommendation for the Crenshaw - LAX project and
- **SUPPORTS** other approaches such as the proposed Knabe/O'Connor Motion that would fund the South Bay portion of \$160 million shortfall;
- **SUPPORTS** the O'Connor/Knabe Motion (Item No. 11) on the Metro Acceleration Policy to protect highway funding from reallocation to transit prior to 2019; and
- **SUPPORTS** a collaborative process to re-visit the flawed Metro Measure R Unified Cost Management Process and Policy with sufficient time for stakeholder input.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2013

ATTEST:



Ralph L. Franklin
Chairman



Marcy Hiratzka
Board Secretary