



State Transportation Budget Resolution

**Mobility 21 Coalition
State Transportation Budget Resolution No. 2004-01
January 13, 2004**

WHEREAS The Department of Finance has proposed reductions in spending for transportation programs in order to solve the state budget crisis

WHEREAS These reductions continue the practice of using transportation funds to solve the state's larger general fund deficits; and

WHEREAS Over \$2.5 billion has been borrowed from transportation funds; and

WHEREAS The California Transportation Commission has halted allocations and its most recent fund estimate indicates that its ability to approve new projects will be severely restricted by the continued transfer of transportation funds; and

WHEREAS The Department of Finance's reductions specifically propose cash management plans which could jeopardize the availability of future federal funds for California; and

WHEREAS These reductions will impact the implementation of transportation projects and programs that will improve Los Angeles County's economic growth and mobility including:

- Los Angeles County MTA and municipal operator operations,
- Exposition Blvd. Light Rail Project,
- I-5 widening from the Orange County line to Route 710
- Alameda Corridor East grade separations,
- Route 5 Carmenita Road interchange in Norwalk,
- Alternative fuel bus purchases,
- Improvements to the 101/405 interchange,
- Addition of HOV lanes along the I-10 from Route 605 to Route 57,
- Metrolink systemwide improvements; and
- Various other local roadway and traffic signal improvements

WHEREAS Transportation plays a major role in the state economy, including the movement of people and goods, and should be a central part of the Governor's economic recovery program; and

WHEREAS Los Angeles County has a critical role as a major international gateway for goods movement benefiting the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS The proposed cuts in funding for transportation will compromise California's ability to secure a fair share of Federal funds as part of the congressional reauthorization of TEA 21; and

WHEREAS California voters overwhelmingly approved Prop 42, which dedicated the sales tax on gasoline purchases for transportation purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mobility 21 Coalition oppose the funding reductions proposed by the Department of Finance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mobility 21 Coalition continues to oppose the transfer of transportation funds to non-transportation purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mobility 21 Coalition educate the Administration and members of the State Legislature about the importance of investing in our transportation system and how it impacts the state's and the nation's economy, Los Angeles County's residents, businesses, and visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mobility 21 Coalition communicate this resolution to the Governor and members of the State Legislature.