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September 3, 2003

The Honorable Kevin Murray  
State Senate  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0009

**RE: SB 314 (Murray) - SUPPORT**

Dear Sen. Murray:

As a member of the Los Angeles County Mobility 21 Coalition, we would like to express our strong support for SB 314, which would authorize the Los Angeles County MTA, with voter approval, to impose an additional half-cent sales tax in Los Angeles County for specified transportation purposes.

The Mobility 21 Coalition is a countywide nonpartisan organization of transportation stakeholders and their representatives. The primary mission of the coalition is to educate and advocate for Los Angeles County's transportation priorities at the federal, state and local levels. The Mobility 21 Coalition includes more than 500 businesses, business associations, transportation providers, non-profits, environmental groups, transportation users, and labor officials.

SB 314 will give Los Angeles County the opportunity to provide funding for important multi-modal transportation improvements. We need additional funding alternatives like SB 314 in order to sustain our economic vitality and mobility. This bill which will give voters the opportunity to make this important investment. Attached is the resolution on SB 314 endorsed by members of the Mobility 21 Coalition.

We thank you in advance for your leadership on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

**[Insert Title]** and  
Mobility 21 Coalition Member



**Mobility 21**

**LA County Moving Together  
Mobility 21 Coalition No. 2003-04  
June 5, 2003**

**SB 314 (Murray)**

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Description: Resolution endorsing efforts to increase state funding for transportation related projects.

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- WHEREAS, The state budget is projected to experience a deficit of up to \$34 billion;
- WHEREAS, The State Highway Account is projected to experience shortfalls of over \$2 billion; and
- WHEREAS, These circumstances have created unprecedented challenges to the ability to fund transportation projects statewide; and
- WHEREAS, The state is seeking to utilize transportation funds to balance the budget; and
- WHEREAS, Reducing in funding for transportation projects will result in stagnation in the economy through lost opportunities for economic development and job creation; and
- WHEREAS, Mobility 21 has continued to support measure what would provide additional funding for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Senate Transportation Committee Chair Kevin Murray has introduced SB 314 that would authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, upon voter approval, to impose an additional half-cent sales tax in Los Angeles County for specified transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, SB 314 is consistent with the principles adopted by the Mobility 21 Coalition on January 22, 2003, in which the coalition voted to support reduction of the voter threshold for passage of local transportation sales taxes and explore an increase in the Los Angeles County transportation sales tax in order to fund additional transportation projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Mobility-21 Coalition:

Commends Senator Murray for his leadership on this important issue.

Supports SB 314 with the following amendments:

- Final project list must reflect local priorities included in SCAG and MTA's project list which was adopted by the Mobility-21 Coalition.
- Funding for roadway maintenance projects should be included to meet the needs of cities and the county.
- Longer duration period for the half-cent sales tax should be considered to fully meet the transportation needs of the county.
- Final project list should achieve a geographic balance and multi-modal approach.

THAT this resolution shall be widely circulated to all interested parties to include the Los Angeles County Congressional delegation, the Governor, member of the California State Legislature, California Transportation Commission, the cities within the County, the media and others.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE Mobility 21 Coalition, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003.