



Mobility-21

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

SB 314 (Murray)

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

- 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, 3003, 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 (attached).
- 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 5th day of June 2003.