

# Move LA's 2019-2020 Agenda

(Not in order of priority)

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Move LA will work to ensure that Measures R and M are successfully implemented, guided by a commitment to justice and fairness especially to low-income communities of color that rely most heavily upon our transit system. Move LA will be selective about participation with individual projects and work to keep a countywide and regional focus.

*Our priorities will include:*

- **Creation of a truly universal Student Transit Pass program in LA County:** LA Metro will need ideas from our community to succeed in rebuilding our bus ridership. Move LA will seek legislation to provide \$25 M/year from California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to encourage implementation of a fee-based and truly universal student transit pass program. Programs around the country shows that, if structured right, such programs can gain 20-40% student transit ridership. This would mean more new transit riders than now the total riders on the Red Line - without spending billions of dollars.
- **Ensuring the commitments made in Measure M to provide a minimum investment in expanded transit service for older adults and persons with disabilities are fully realized.** Promises made must be kept. Big opportunities exist for innovative services that can make LA County a model for flexible mobility and access for our seniors and our neighbors with disabilities.
- **Working with LA Metro on the NextGen Bus study:** Given the dramatic decline in bus ridership since roughly 2010, it was essential that LA Metro undertake a major review of its bus systems to find ways to enhance the system and service and increase ridership. Move LA is participating in that study. We will eagerly work with Metro CEO Phil Washington on a proposed congestion pricing + free transit program.

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Move LA will work to create essential tools for community development near transit.

- **Improve and implement SB 961 (Allen) and work for new funding for affordable housing:** Tax increment financing was the most powerful tool of redevelopment for cities all over California and the primary source of funding for affordable housing. When it was dissolved, cities lost their most powerful tool for economic and community development. Move LA sponsored SB 961 (Allen) focuses the tax increment financing tool to districts around transit system with 40% dedicated to affordable housing, 10% to urban greening and active transportation, and the rest to other infrastructure investments essential to community development. Other worthy housing proposals are also expected during the 2019 legislative session.
- **California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF):** Continue successful coalition efforts in Sacramento to direct cap-and-trade funds to investments in transit, affordable housing, community development and new investments in student transit pass programs.
- **Grand Boulevards program:** Move LA will work with LA Metro and local cities to create new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems and service. Boulevards should be selected not simply for near-term ridership growth or ease of implementation but also for opportunities to achieve significant community development with affordable housing. Coordinated efforts for system development and community development will ensure the greatest level of success.

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Move LA will work to develop and support a State Constitutional Amendment to lower the voter threshold to 55% for local measures to raise taxes, fees or bonds for transit, affordable housing, emission reductions and other purposes.

- **Build a coalition in support of a constitutional amendment** to lower the voter threshold to 55% for local measures to raise, taxes, fees or issue bonds for transportation, water, wastewater infrastructure, for projects and programs to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, to enhance climate resilience, build and operate housing affordable to low and moderate income households and to provide operating revenues for K-12 public schools and community colleges.