WORKING FOR AN EXPANDED, EFFICIENT AND CLEAN TRANSIT SYSTEM

Move LA initiated Measure R in 2008 at the crest of the Great Recession, and Measure M in 2016. Voters approved both with more than 67% of the vote to endow LA County transportation with over $120 billion for system enhancements and improvements over the next 40 years. When projects are complete LA County will have the world’s most modern transit system.

Clearly, the exceptional leadership of both Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Mayor Eric Garcetti was pivotal to the success of these measures. But it was in large part Move LA’s effort to build the coalition to support these measures that would give these exceptional leaders the confidence they needed to make these campaigns their priority. Mission accomplished.

Measures R and M have enabled LA Metro to expand a robust list of rail transit projects and accelerate their implementation as well as bus, bike and pedestrian projects.

Without these two measures, a lot of these projects would not have moved this far forward this fast. For example:

- Exposition Light Rail would have been built to Culver City, but would not have reached Santa Monica.
- The Wilshire Subway would have made some progress. But, thanks to Measures R and M, the “Subway To the Sea” will make it to La Cienega (2023), Century City (2025), UCLA and the Brentwood VA (2027) in time for the 2028 Olympics, with the coast just 4 miles away.
- The Foothill Gold Line probably would not have reached Azusa yet. Now it may reach Pomona by 2025.
• The Crenshaw LRT would be just another great idea, but now it is heading toward completion in 2022.

• The Regional Connector would still be on the drawing board, but now completion is also expected in 2022.

Measures R and M will also ensure, though the dates are uncertain, the eventual completion of the following:

• The Green Line South and rail transit to LAX;

• The Metro Gold Line to Whittier and/or South El Monte;

• The West Santa Ana/Eco-Rapid Transit line, and the Sepulveda Pass project—whether monorail or subway;

• The Crenshaw North Extension to West Hollywood and Hollywood;

• Upgrades to bus service and the Blue Line and state of good repair improvements and other significant investments in bicycle and pedestrian projects all over LA County.

In fact, the system is growing so rapidly that Metro has begun renaming the lines with letters of the alphabet out of concern that they may run out of primary colors to name new lines.

• Much more is happening, including major initiatives to provide significantly improved transit services at reduced cost to students, seniors and community members who are disabled.

• Metro’s NextGen Bus Study promises to generate much more efficient and effective bus service throughout LA County, while planning for new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines is also underway around the county.

WORKING FOR EXPANDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

• Measure H in 2017: Few know the pivotal role Move LA played in teeing up Measure H in 2017 with our marvelous Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. In the first year of Measure H more than 16,000 people who were homeless had been helped off the streets of LA County, and many more have been helped since.

• Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC): We played a significant role, working with ClimatePlan and Sustainable Communities for All, to convince the State of California to prioritize the investment of cap-and-trade dollars in affordable housing near transit and active transportation as a greenhouse gas reduction strategy. The AHSC program is now providing $400 million a year for affordable housing from California’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.