



Proposed 2011 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

Metropolitan Transit Commission

November 17, 2010

Background

- Staff briefed the MTC on September 22 regarding the issues likely to be front and center in 2011
- November election results may require recalibration in how MTC approaches funding requests
 - Likely Earmark Moratorium/Reform
 - Shift decisions to federal agencies
 - Monies distributed via Notices of Funds Availability
- President's Deficit Commission recommending investment in infrastructure, raise gasoline tax by 15 cents in 2013 with inflationary increases and limit spending to revenues collected

Background (cont.)

- SAFETEA-LU expires on December 31, 2010 and will likely be extended

- President will issue surface transportation authorization “principles” with FY 2012 Budget
 - Authorization funding will be less than the \$500 billion Oberstar Bill
 - Encourage public-private partnerships through tolling and value capture
 - Streamline current highway and transit program
 - Unlikely to see shift from current funding allocation between transit and highways or between states and MPOs

Federal Issues

- Federal surface transportation program:
 - Creation of National Infrastructure Bank
 - Continue advocacy for inclusion of MTC selected projects in Federal surface transportation program bill
 - Advocate for changes to the New Starts / Small Starts criteria in order to advance the North Corridor
 - Advocate for higher Federal share of local transit projects
 - Federal funding for operations and maintenance

- Blue Line Light Rail Extension:
 - Request earmarks and discretionary grants from New Starts Program
 - Working with NCDOT on State Full Funding Grant Agreement



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State Issues

- New Local Long Term Revenue Sources for Transit
- Design-Build Authority
- Support Additional Funding for North Carolina Mobility Fund



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Executive and Regulatory Issues

- State Match for Federal Projects
- State Participation in Non-Federal Projects
- Rail Transportation in State Maintenance Assistance Program



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Issues	Blue Line	Red Line	Other Corridors
Reauthorization	X	X	X
Blue Line Light Rail Extension	X		
New Long Term Local Revenues	X	X	X
Design-Build	X	X	X
North Carolina Mobility Fund	X	X	X
State Match for Federal Projects	X		X
State Participation in Non-Federal Projects		X	X
State Maintenance Assistance Program	X	X	X

- November Endorsements from County Commission and local governing bodies
- November Discussions with legislators
- January 5 US Congress convenes
- January 19-21 USCM meeting in Washington, D.C.
- January 26 NC General Assembly convenes
- March 5-9 NACo Legislative Conference
- March 12-16 NLC Congressional City Conference
- March 13-15 APTA Legislative Conference
- May 4 NCLM Town Hall Day