

METRO | LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

In this Issue

- [Metro Awarded Federal Grant to Replace Diesel Buses in South Bay and Gateway Cities Regions](#)

Metro Awarded Federal Grant to Replace Diesel Buses in South Bay and Gateway Cities Regions

Yesterday, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formally announced that Metro was selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$5.5 million under the Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program. Metro will use the funding to replace a portion of the small number of remaining diesel buses that operate under Metro's contracted services in the South Bay and Gateway Cities regions. This selection was the result of a nationwide competitive process. Overall, a total of \$366 million was awarded to 107 projects across the United States, yielding an average award of \$3.4 million. Metro was selected to receive the second largest grant out of 13 projects selected across the State of California.

Metro looks forward to partnering with the Federal Government to deliver new, environmentally friendly buses to Metro's passengers in the South Bay Cities and Gateway Cities service areas, which includes a large number of disadvantaged communities exposed to some of the worst air quality in the nation. Metro was previously awarded a \$10.5 million grant award under this FTA program in 2016 for the replacement of 33 diesel buses in the same service area.

I want to thank our Board members and members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation for their strong support for Metro's FTA grant request. I also want to express my appreciation for the hard work of our Planning Department in developing this competitive grant application as well as the teamwork and coordination across several departments – including Asset Management, Community Relations, Environmental Compliance, Operations, the Regional Service Council, Vehicle Technology, and Workforce Development – that led to the successful award of these important federal resources. To view a copy of the FTA's press release, please click [here](#).

[Metro.net](#) | [Board Meetings](#) | [Projects & Programs](#) | [The Source](#) | [Getting Around](#) | [Trip Planner](#)