

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
FROM: Council Member Kenneth Mann
DATE: July 28, 2009
SUBJECT: **Report on the Activities of the North County Transportation Coalition**

Recommendation:

Receive a report of the proceedings and issues discussed at the July 14, 2009, North County Transportation Coalition meeting.

Background:

The North County Transportation Coalition is comprised of community leaders from the cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles whose stated mission is to improve the movement of people and goods in the north Los Angeles County region. Coalition members meet on an as-needed basis and the previous meeting was held on May 26, 2009. Council member Kenneth Mann sits on the NCTC Board for the City of Lancaster.

The following items took place during the July 2009 meeting:

- David Yale, a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) staffer, provided an update on Metro's 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan. While the transit portion of the plan is prioritized and set, the highway portion is not. Many of the highway priorities are not established. Yale said amendments to the plan can be made in the future that address prioritization. Because the safety improvements to SR-138 are presently postponed and the project awaits available funds, the Coalition members approved a motion to recommend the Metro Board of Directors wait to adopt the entire plan when the highway section is complete.
- Metro staff recommended the cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Santa Clarita collectively receive \$37 million in Call for Projects funds. This accounts for over 11% of total funding available under this Call. Lancaster is set to receive \$4.1 million for three projects.
- The NCTC voting members approved a motion to add the north County staff appointment to the Metro streets and freeways subcommittee to a two-year rotation. City of Palmdale staff have held this position for a number of years. The rotation would be similar to the north County Metro technical advisory committee appointment which toggles between Lancaster and Palmdale every two years.

All other items discussed and/or approved were routine.