



# Metro

## SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR AVALON

Good Evening and Thank you.

The public portion of this meeting is held to hear testimony regarding the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds.

The California Transportation Development Act, enacted in 1972 (Senate Bill 325) provides the major source of state funds to support public transit services. One quarter of a cent is collected as part of the statewide retail sales tax in this County and placed in a local transportation fund (TDA 3, 4, and 8), which is used to support public transportation within the County. The TDA fund “pot” is divided as follows, TDA 4 recipients receive 91.6%, TDA 3 is capped at 2%, and TDA Article 8 receives a 6.35% share.

By statute, most of the money (the 91.6% share) in Los Angeles County goes to support the operation of our regional bus service -- Metro and the municipal operators such as Long Beach Transit and Santa Monica. These services are funded, in part, by TDA Article 4. Additionally, some of the funds are used to support facilities for pedestrians and bicycles. This is known as TDA Article 3 (for the 2% share).

Article 8 of the TDA requires that a proportional share (based on population – approximately 6.35% share) of the sales tax revenue be allocated to those areas in the County that do not have Metro service because they are located outside Metro’s

service area. These areas are in the Santa Clarita Valley, the Antelope Valley, and Catalina Island.

Transit needs can reasonably be met through: an expansion of existing transportation systems, by establishing new systems, or by contracting for services. However, if there are no unmet transit needs, which can be reasonably met with these funds, the funds may be used for local, public streets and roads purposes.

While the purpose of these hearings is to determine how TDA Article 8 funds should be allocated, your testimony about transit needs may be useful to local decision-makers who are planning possible uses for Proposition A, Proposition C, and Measure R funds.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA or Metro) holds a public hearing each year to determine what transit needs exist in your community before recommending how these funds should be allocated.

LACMTA staff will compile your comments along with the comments made at all the hearings including written comments received before the deadline. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council, composed of local residents and social service providers, will consider your comments, and make a recommendation to the TDA 8 Hearing Board.

The Hearing Board will make a recommendation to the full LACMTA Board. The LACMTA Board will act in June or July to make the findings about the use of TDA Article 8 funds in your community. The LACMTA Board's recommendations will be forwarded to the State (in Sacramento) for review and approval.

If you wish to submit written comments in addition to, or instead of testifying verbally, the record for all hearings will be kept open for two weeks after the conclusion of the public hearings. Written comments must be received by March 9, 2016, for all affected areas.

Your written comments should be submitted to the following address:

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The public testimony portion of the hearing will now begin. Please remember to state your name, and any organization you represent.

Thank you.