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May 18, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2006-07
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the continuation of the public transit services in the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2006-07.
2. Approve the County's \$3,790,000 share of the costs of the transit services to be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.
3. Approve prepayment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) of the County's share of the cost of the transit services on a quarterly basis.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for the continuation of public transit services for residents of the unincorporated County areas of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

On February 25, 1992, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to arrange for a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Lancaster, and the City of Palmdale creating an agency to be known as the AVTA to provide for planning, contracting, and operating the public transit services in the Antelope Valley. The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was established on April 1, 1992. This action will provide for the continuation of these services for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness by mobilizing a collaborative effort with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale to meet the public's transit needs in a responsive manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the AVTA is required to submit an annual capital and operating budget to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement member agencies for their approval. The preliminary budget amounts provided by AVTA staff for Fiscal Year 2006-07 are as follows:

| | <u>AVTA Total Cost</u> | <u>AVTA Total Cost Less Farebox</u> | <u>County Share</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Local Service | \$11,862,000 | \$ 9,914,000 | \$2,135,000 |
| Commuter Services | 3,021,000 | 1,481,000 | 232,000 |
| Urban Dial-A-Ride | 1,831,000 | 1,746,000 | 28,000 |
| Rural Dial-A-Ride | <u>1,593,000</u> | <u>1,549,000</u> | <u>1,395,000</u> |
| | <u>\$18,307,000</u> | <u>\$14,690,000</u> | <u>\$3,790,000</u> |

The County's share of the cost for these services is estimated to be \$3,790,000. The necessary funds are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. The AVTA will be pursuing funding assistance such as various Federal Transit Administration grants, State grants, Proposition A Discretionary grants, and Proposition A Incentive grants for this service. The County's share of these grants is estimated to be \$2,915,000. Any grant funds received by the AVTA will help offset the County's share of the cost. There will be no impact on net County costs.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The operation and financing of the AVTA will continue to be governed under the auspices of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 3, 1997, Synopsis No. 67, your Board found this service to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

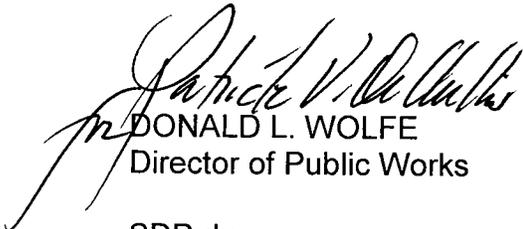
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current service.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,



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