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Chief Executive Officer

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

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: GO RIO TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY  
PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the contribution of \$12,400 for the Go Rio Transit Pass Subsidy Program to provide subsidized transit fares for full-time Rio Hondo College students residing in unincorporated County areas.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Rio Hondo College for the Go Rio Transit Pass Subsidy Program.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to request your Board's approval to contribute \$12,400 and to authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Rio Hondo College. This will enable the County to assist Rio Hondo College in providing subsidized transit fares during the 2007-08 school year to full-time Rio Hondo College students residing in unincorporated areas of the County.

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**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and improved Community Services (Goal 6). By encouraging Rio Hondo College students to use public transit service, we reduce traffic congestion in the area, thereby improving the quality of life for the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact on the County General Fund.

The County's estimated cost for the Go Rio Transit Pass Subsidy Program (Program) for the 2007-08 school year is \$12,400. The County's share of this Program cost is based on the number of college students who used the transit passes during the 2006-07 school year that reside in unincorporated County areas compared to the total number of students participating in the program.

The necessary funds are available in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Proposition A Local Return Transit Programs, which are included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Transit Enterprise Fund.

The anticipated cost of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Program for each Supervisorial District is as follows:

Supervisorial District	Go Rio Users in Unincorporated Areas (2006-07 School Year)	Total Cost
1	54	\$ 7,100
2	6	800
4	27	3,600
5	7	900
Total	94	\$12,400

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under this Program, Rio Hondo College will provide fully subsidized transit passes to full-time Rio Hondo College students. These subsidized transit passes will be accepted on Metro, Foothill Transit, Montebello Transit, and Norwalk Transit buses. Rio Hondo College piloted this Program during the 2006-07 school year using college funds. The college has requested the County to subsidize the total cost of transit passes for full-time students residing in unincorporated County areas. The college has been notified that the County

does not intend to continue subsidizing this Program beyond the 2007-08 school year. The college plans to seek student body approval of a student transit fee to be imposed beginning in the 2008-09 school year in order to continue the Program in future years.

The MOU will permit Rio Hondo College to provide fully subsidized transit passes to eligible Rio Hondo students and administer the Program at a cost to the County of \$12,400. The MOU will specify that the County will reimburse Rio Hondo College for a total of \$12,400 after the college provides documentation indicating that a school election has been held in the spring of 2008 for students to vote on an additional student fee to continue this Program in future years. The MOU will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works, or his designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA), approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The Program encourages the use of public transit by providing fully subsidized transit passes to full-time Rio Hondo College students living in County unincorporated areas.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Department of Public Works (Administrative Services)