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## FEDERAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS SIGN AGREEMENT FOR L.A. RAPID RAIL SEGMENT

Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner and Brian W. Clymer, Administrator of the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), today signed an agreement with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission calling for the federal government to provide \$667 million to help complete the second segment of the Los Angeles Metro Rail system.

"You are providing a good example of how the National Transportation Policy sees the federal-local partnership evolving as we approach the challenges of a new century," Skinner told an audience which included state and local officials, as well as several members of the California congressional delegation.

Skinner noted that state, local and private funding will make up more than 50 percent of the total cost of the segment, which will run from the intersection of Wilshire and Alvarado to Hollywood and Vine.

"You are willing to use federal funds as a base, and then build from there to secure the additional dollars you will need to complete something you feel is an urgent local priority," the Secretary said. "You've asked for the increased flexibility and responsibility you need to make projects like this a reality. We want to provide you with both."

Clymer also praised the project. "What you are doing out here in Los Angeles is right," he said. "You are adapting to the realities of our time and supplementing a basic and stable level of federal transportation assistance with the local dollars you need to get the job done."

When completed, the Metro Rail project will be made up of three segments. The first, already under construction, is a 4.4 mile heavy rail subway. The second segment will be 6.8 miles in length, and the third will cover the remainder of the proposed 17.3 mile system.

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