



Building a Coalition for a Comprehensive
Transportation System in Los Angeles County

The Top Twelve Accomplishments of Move LA

(roughly in chronological order)

- 1 Move LA has built a successful transportation coalition:** In 2007, Move LA built a coalition of business, labor, and environmental organizations to identify and secure significant new funding for transportation investments in Los Angeles County. Successfully bringing these divergent, often warring, groups together is unique in LA history.
- 2 Move LA January, 2008, conference leads to Measure R:** In January, 2008, Move LA convened its first transportation conference focusing on alternative sources of funding for transit development and operations. This conference became the launching pad for Measure R.
- 3 In November, 2008, LA County voters approve Measure R:** In November 2008, Move LA ensured the full involvement of its coalition of business, labor and environmental leaders in the campaign for Measure R. Measure R won a resounding 68% of the vote (it needed 66% to win) and will generate \$40 Billion over 30 years for transportation projects throughout LA County – 70% for public transit. This will double the 70 miles of existing rail. Measure R will be transformative for Los Angeles County, our economy and our environment.
- 4 Metro unanimously approved Long Range Transportation Plan:** Move LA worked to ensure the unanimous approval by the LA Metro Board of the 2009 LA Metro Long Range Transportation Plan. The passage of the plan was necessary to ensuring the timely planning and construction of all Measure R transportation projects and enabled LA Metro to focus its applications for federal grants successfully.
- 5 LA Metro unanimously approved Westside Subway and Regional Connector as federal application priorities:** Move LA worked to gain unanimous approval by the LA Metro Board for the Westside Subway and the Regional Connector to be priority projects for application for Federal “New Starts” funding.
- 6 Move LA championed the National Infrastructure Development Bank—paving the way to the “30-10 Plan:”** Seeking strategies to accelerate the construction of the Measure R transit projects, Move LA championed the creation of the NIDB. LA Metro subsequently endorsed HR 2321 (DeLauro), federal legislation to create the NIDB. Mayor Villaraigosa's staff research indicated that, with the right federal financing, it was possible to build all 12 Measure R transit projects in 10 years instead of 30 years. Mayor Villaraigosa and his staff working with Metro staff refined the program into a distinct legislative package now known as the “30-10 Plan.”
- 7 “30-10 Plan” has gained widespread support including the support of federal leaders:** Move LA’s “30-10 Plan” petition has won the support of more than 200 leading business, labor, environmental and community organizations. With support from the Move LA coalition, the LA Metro Board unanimously endorsed the “30-10 Plan” as championed by Mayor Villaraigosa. Soon, Senator Boxer takes up the banner of the “30/10 Plan” and it gains the endorsement of Senator Feinstein and nearly all of the Los Angeles area Congressional delegation.
- 8 Move LA convened second transportation conference:** Move LA organized and conducted a Spring 2010 transportation conference which brought together more than 250 participants from around Los Angeles County to discuss ways to help achieve goals of the “30/10 Plan” as well as find new funding for transit capital and operations.
- 9 Move LA co-sponsored “30-10 Plan” labor rally:** Move LA worked with the leaders of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor to sponsor and participate in a rally for more than 6,000 workers on the steps of LA City Hall. Senator Barbara Boxer, Mayor Villaraigosa, Richard Trumka, President of the AFL-CIO, and several LA Congressional leaders spoke in support of the “30/10 Plan”.
- 10 Region sets ambitious but achievable greenhouse gas emission reduction targets:** Move LA helped build a regional coalition that successfully championed ambitious but achievable greenhouse gas reduction targets before the California Air Resources Board to facilitate transit oriented land use projects around Measure R projects.
- 11 Move LA launched near-zero emission transit program:** Move LA is convening experts and advocates to identify and promote opportunities to integrate the use of renewable power generation, such as solar, into the transportation infrastructure and transit corridors of Los Angeles County.
- 12 Move LA continues to build and expand a sustainable transportation coalition:** Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of Move LA is that, through our work, there now exists a continuing and ever-growing coalition of labor, business, environmental, and civic leaders and organizations in Los Angeles County that work together to improve the future of transportation in Los Angeles County.