

Next stop: new rail to southeast LA County.

WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR



Planning & Programming Committee : November 17, 2021

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Recommendation

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 12 to Contract No. AE5999300 with WSP USA Inc. to provide additional environmental technical work during the completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) in the amount of \$1,302,845, increasing the Total Contract Value from \$28,484,036 to \$29,786,881, and extend the period of performance through January 31, 2022.

Project Overview

- > 19-mile corridor
- > Up to 12 new stations
- > Up to 5 new park & ride facilities
- > **Study Area: 98 square miles**

Study Area	Current	Projected (2042)
Pop.	1.4 M	1.6 M
Emp.	618,500	746,000

Metro Travel Demand Model 2017 to 2042

- > Populations and employment densities are **five times higher than LA County**



Contract Modification No. 12

- Additional technical and environmental work including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Update environmental and other non-environmental reports in response to FTA and Metro Department comments
 - Additional workshops to resolve FTA comments
 - Respond to stakeholder issues and comment letters through preparation of draft letters and/or memoranda to stakeholders
 - Prepare SCAG Air Conformity Memorandum
 - Additional Evaluation of Implementation Strategies

Project Consistency with Agency Goals and Near Term Next Steps

- Project is consistent with Metro's Equity Platform Framework
 - Rapid Equity Assessment tool was reviewed and approved by Metro's Office of Equity and Race
- Project is aligned with Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan goals
 - Goal #1 - Provide high quality mobility options that will enable people to spend less time traveling
 - Goal #3 – Enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity
 - Goal #5 – Provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization
- Selection of the LPA anticipated at the January 2022 Board meeting