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Office of the Inspector General Construction Change Order Spot Check Report

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Spot Checks 1 & 2

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1 – The LAX/Metro Transit Connector Project

Unforeseen Conditions - Construction costs to the Solar power system in the landscape area. The original basis-of-design solar panel model was discontinued by the manufacturer, necessitating rework of the already installed support elements and replacement of the solar panel equipment.

Recommendation:

Award: \$1,120,314

No Recommendations by the OIG

2 – The Purple Line Extension Section 3 Transit Station Project

Construction Costs Resulting from Design Changes - Metro Planning introduced revisions to the electrical and communication systems and added cabinets to house access-control equipment for bicycle hubs at the UCLA and Veterans Affairs Stations.

Recommendation:

Award: \$760,999.51

Earlier identification of construction task sequencing and its alignment with the project definition drawings could have resulted in cost savings.

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3 – East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project

Incorporate the Work Self-Performed by LADWP into the Design Work Schedule - This modification provides compensation to the contractor for the additional professional design and coordination services necessary to integrate the LADWP electrical duct bank into the project design.

Recommendations/Lessons Learned

Award: \$918,581

Under the revised agreement with LADWP, the 3-mile duct bank will be completed at LADWP's expense, reducing risk and minimizing impacts to Metro's project budget. Metro will assume the cost for integration and critical component management. By comparison, the original agreement would have had a greater impact on Metro's budget.

4 – The Rail-to-Rail Active Transport Corridor Project

Differing Site Conditions - This change order is related to differing subsurface material encountered by the contractor during the removal of pavement at the various street crossings on the public right-of-way.

Recommendations/Lessons Learned

Award: \$537,294.30

Program Management assessed the risks and possible public impacts, including traffic effects, and determined it was acceptable to proceed without exploring subsurface conditions in the public right-of-way.

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Spot Check Schedule Comparison

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Project	Title of Change Order	Time Saved Executed Date to Board Mtg.	New Delegated Process Final SOW to Executed Date	Formal Board Approval Process
The LAX/Metro Transit Center Station Project	Unforeseen Conditions – Design Changes to Photovoltaic System	24	24	48
The Purple Line Extension Section 3 Transit Station Project	Construction Cost Resulting from Metro Planning Design Changes	14	11	25
The East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project	Incorporating LADWP Self-Performed Work into the Design Work Schedule	7	19	26
The Rail-to-Rail Active Transport Corridor Project	Differing Site Conditions – Unforeseen Subsurface Conditions within the Public Right-of-way	12	20	32

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