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Motion by:

Directors Antonovich and Najarian

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High Desert Multipurpose Corridor

The High Desert Multipurpose Corridor (HDMC) will play a critical role in North Los Angeles County by increasing mobility through its prime rail and highway components, as well as its interconnectivity to regional rail, California High Speed Rail, and the Palmdale Airport; facilitating improved regional goods movement by eventually connecting Interstate 5 to Interstate 15; generating green energy for both its rail operation and the surrounding area, and; by greatly expanding active transportation through dozens of miles of bikeways.

HDMN is also a priority public-private partnership project for Metro that has already reached critical milestones, including a certified environmental impact study and significant funding commitments, as identified in Measure M. The HDMC's Joint Powers Authority will soon be releasing the results of an investment-grade rail ridership study, and Metro is currently undertaking a toll revenue study, which is anticipated to be completed in spring 2017.

CONSIDER **Motion by Antonovich and Najarian** that the Metro Board of Directors direct the CEO to report back to the Board in March 2017 with a status update on the High Desert Multipurpose Corridor Project, including important milestones reached, next steps, collaborative efforts between staff and the HDMC JPA, and opportunities for advancement of the project.