

# Management Comments

## **Comment 1**

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**Subject:** RE: LA Metro OIG CEQA Streamlining Recommendations Report

Good Afternoon Alan,

The slide referencing seeking expansion of CEQA exemptions is fine with GR. We will continue to work with all internal and external stakeholders to see how we can expand the current authorization. We won't have any comments on the rest of the presentation.

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## Comment 2

**From:** Sosa, Ray

**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:01 AM

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**Subject:** RE: LA Metro OIG CEQA Streamlining Recommendations Report

Alan,

David and Jim might have more comments but here are my comments.

- This is a great compilation of streamlining recommendations. I believe many are actually conducted but not formally documented. For instance, focusing on technical reports that can be completed quickly while waiting for data/info on longer lead technical reports. Please add a caveat to the recommendations that some of these streamlining efforts might be in practice but could be more formally tracked as to when and how it has been done. If it is in the document already, then great but I did not see this caveat.
- I also did not see a distinguishment between the larger project environmental projects vs. the smaller more operational project environmental documents. We have two different groups at Metro that lead environmental documentation. One does use a number of the right sized, streamlined approach to environmental documents projects related to our existing operations such as a new building at a maintenance yard, etc. The other, Planning, due to the size and complexity focus on the greater level of environmental documentation.
- I would modify the technology recommendation to be a little stronger. Metro should take the time to review best practices across the country and across industries (not just transportation) where agencies have used new platforms to disseminate technical information to the public, agencies and stakeholders, to improve time it takes for decision-making at each stage of the environmental process. FTA actually encourages this in the form of stressing the use of info graphics in documents and has tried to restrict size of documents (# of pages). FHWA and FRA have used web-based platforms for their environmental documents recently and greatly improved the decision-making process not only with the public but with technical third party agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.