Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Twenty-Eight by '28 Pillar Projects Quarterly Update

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Overview

This is the third quarterly status report to the Board on the financial forecast and constructability analysis of the four pillar projects

- Task force
- Value capture strategy
- What is feasible and does not usurp?
- Project development process
- Impact on bond rating
- Accessibility to and from Olympic venues
- Financial feasibility



Pillar Projects Update

Establish a Task Force

 Cross-departmental staff have met, identified action items, and reported strategies to accelerate the pillar projects

Update on Value Capture Strategy

• Staff is hiring market experts to identify value capture opportunities

Where projects cannot be accelerated/What is feasible?

- Pillar projects must begin no later than 2023
- Capital and operating funding shortfall



Pillar Projects Update (cont.)

Expediting project development process

- Using phased strategies; integrating project development/engineering and environmental schedules for each project
- Engaging technical advisors for design and procurement; financial advisors for alternative project delivery and financing

Impact on bond rating

- Current senior-lien bond issues carry AAA and AA1 ratings and debt service coverage of 3x to 4x
- Under the pillar projects financial plan, debt service coverage would be 2.5x in FY 2028



Pillar Projects Update (cont.)





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Summary

- Staff has implemented several initiatives to accelerate the pillar projects and will pursue an action plan on additional steps
- Any acceleration will require that the pillar projects begin construction in 2023
- There is a funding shortfall for the capital and operating cost of the pillar projects, based on Expenditure Plan cost estimates
- The higher amount of debt used to accelerate the projects may impact the ratings on Metro senior lien bonds