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Motion by:

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas

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22.1, Relating to File ID 2015-0995 Next Steps for Implementing the Countywide Bikeshare Program

The Metro Board of Directors (Board) has expressed a strong commitment to deploy a Countywide Bikeshare Program as a first and last mile solution and as a practical option for inter-jurisdictional travel. A regionally-coordinated bikeshare program will reduce vehicle miles travelled, improve the accessibility of our transit system and enhance the overall livability of the region.

At the June 2015 Metro Board meeting, the Board awarded a bikeshare contract to Bicycle Transit Systems and instructed staff to move forward with the pilot phase of implementation in downtown Los Angeles. Metro should serve as the regional facilitator of a financially sustainable system and seamless user experience and work with communities throughout the region as they are prepared to join a Countywide Bikeshare Program. Some cities have already initiated efforts to establish bikeshare programs.

Metro should work with those jurisdictions to optimize opportunities for interoperability.

APPROVE Ridley-Thomas Motion that the Metro Board of Directors instruct the Chief Executive Officer to proceed as follows:

- A. Continue to work with the cities of Santa Monica and Long Beach, which have executed a contract and plan to move forward with an alternate bikeshare provider to achieve the Interoperability Objectives as presented at the June 2015 Board meeting, including title sponsorship, branding and marketing, membership reciprocity, reciprocal docks, a unified fare structure and data sharing;
- B. Consistent with the Interoperability Objectives, require that any city with an existing bikeshare vendor contract as of June 25, 2015, using a bikeshare system other than Metro's selected system, shall be eligible for up to 35% of operating and maintenance funding support from Metro on condition that the city or cities agree to fully participate in a Metro Countywide Bikeshare Title Sponsorship by reserving on bike title placement and associated branding for

Metro's Sponsor (including branding, color, and ad space on baskets, skirt guards and bike frame) and agree to meeting the other Interoperability Objectives, consistent with the agreement developed between Metro and the City of Los Angeles for the pilot phase of Metro's Countywide Bikeshare Program. Such cities shall also agree to participate in and provide data for the evaluation study described in Directive 8 below;

- C. Proceed with awarding Call for Projects funding to the Cities of Beverly Hills, Pasadena and West Hollywood, consistent with the staff recommendations for the 2015 Call for Projects, for the capital costs associated with their proposed bikeshare programs.
- D. Include in the 2015 Call for Projects bikeshare funding contracts, that if any of the cities select a bikeshare system other than Metro's, operations and maintenance funding will not be provided unless each city agrees to the Interoperability Objectives outlined above. All costs associated with providing duplicative dock or other systems within adjacent jurisdictions to enhance interoperability shall be borne by such cities and shall not be funded with Metro funds.
- E. Specify in future Call for Projects applications that any city requesting bikeshare funding for either capital and operations and maintenances expenses must commit to using Metro's selected vendor and Title Sponsorship, and other Interoperability Objectives;
- F. Engage Bicycle Transit Systems in accelerating the roll out of all identified project phases so that implementation can be accomplished no later than 2017. Staff shall work with each city to secure local funding commitments and report to the Board for specific approval of any expansion beyond the downtown Los Angeles Pilot, together with a proposed funding plan;
- G. Conduct additional feasibility studies and preliminary station placement assessments to incorporate the communities of Boyle Heights (centering around the Mariachi Plaza Gold Line Station), El Monte (centering around the Bus Station) and the Westside of Los Angeles (along the Exposition Line as well as Venice), as part of the Bikeshare Program; and
- H. Conduct an evaluation of the bike share systems operating within Los Angeles County after 12 months from the downtown Los Angeles Pilot launch date. Evaluation of the systems shall, at a minimum, address operations and user experience, including the following:
 - 1. Timeliness and success of roll-out;
 - 2. Experience of the respective agencies in working with their respective vendors;

3. Ability of bikeshare providers to meet performance criteria including bicycle distribution, removal and replacement of inoperable bicycles and cleanliness of bikeshare facilities;
 4. Customer satisfaction as measured by a survey;
 5. Fare structure;
 6. Equity/effectiveness serving disadvantaged community; and
 7. Bicycle use/behavioral change; and
- I. Once the independent evaluation of both systems is complete, the Board should consider funding for future bikeshare systems that opt to not use Metro's selected vendor on a case-by-case basis subject to the respective city fulfilling Metro's interoperability objectives.