

Transportation Communication Network Update

Planning & Programming Committee

September 14, 2022

Item: 2022-0407

Background

- March 24, 2021 - Metro Board approved Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with City of Los Angeles
- December 16, 2021 - City Council approved the MOA
- April 18, 2022 - Notice of Preparation released
- September 8, 2022 – Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Released

Program Highlights

- No out-of-pocket capital costs to Metro
- Intelligent Transportation System, travel demand and public event management
- Multilingual public transit promotion and LACMTA communications
- Multilingual public safety and emergency messaging
- Remove antiquated and grandfathered static boards
- Revenue generation for Metro projects and City transportation projects



Program Overview

New Locations Under Study

- 56 total locations (34 freeway facing, 22 non-freeway)
- Conform with all current federal, state and city regulations
- No structures will be oriented towards or within 200 feet of a residential dwelling
- LED lights broadcast in a specific directional cone through a louver system and a photocell light sensor that automatically adjusts the brightness
- 17 new locations being studied (30%) are in Equity Focused Communities

Static Billboard Removals

- 260 removed county wide
- 82 removed in City
- 47 (57%) removals in Equity Focused Communities

CEQA Status

- Notice of Preparation (NOP) issued April 18, 2022
- Scoping meetings held on Thursday May 19, 2022, and Saturday May 21, 2022.
- Draft EIR released September 8, 2022
 - Published in Los Angeles Times
 - 17,247 postcards mailed to residents, property owners and business owners within a 750 foot radius around each location
 - Draft EIR located at <https://www.metro.net/projects/transportation-communication-network/>

Next Steps

- Community meetings scheduled for October 6 and 7; meeting information will be posted at:
<https://www.metro.net/projects/transportation-communication-network/>
- Comment period will close on October 24, 2022 (45 days)
- Final EIR to go before board for consideration of certification