# Next stop: vibrant communities.

#### Little Tokyo/Arts District Joint Development

Planning and Programming Committee April 20, 2022



#### Recommendation

**AUTHORIZE** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles (City) related to joint development of Metro-owned property and City-owned property adjacent to the Regional Connector Little Tokyo/Arts District Station, to be procured in a competitive solicitation led by the City, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 130242(f)(4).



## **Properties**





City of Los Angeles Property

M Little Tokyo/Arts District Station



### Background

- Pursuing joint development is required in the Regional Connector Transit Project's Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (MMRP)
- November 2020: Receive and File report informed Board that process was canceled due to community concerns
- Spring 2021: Metro and City staff explore partnership
- July 2021: Los Angeles City Council approved motion directing City to negotiate and execute an MOU with Metro for future development of both Properties



### Discussion

MOU includes the following key terms and conditions:

- City will procure and manage design, outreach, economic and legal consultants
- City will cover 70% of the consultant costs and Metro will cover 30%
- Metro may choose to update previously completed studies
- Partnership on a robust and broad outreach strategy
- City leads process to prepare and issue solicitation(s) and in accordance with all applicable laws and each agencies' policies and procedures
- Proposal evaluation committee will include both City and Metro
- Protect Metro transit infrastructure and operations.

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#### **Next Steps**

- Metro and the City finalize and execute the MOU
- > 2022: Procure consultants and initiate community engagement
- 2023: Release solicitation
- City and Metro staff return to their respective agencies to request a tri-party Exclusive Negotiation Agreement and execute an additional MOU that outlines City and Metro responsibilities related to Joint Development Agreement and Ground Lease negotiations.

