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## Board Report

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### PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE AUGUST 17, 2022

#### Motion by:

#### **DIRECTORS NAJARIAN, BUTTS, AND BARGER**

#### SR 14 Traffic Safety Improvement Project Motion

In 2001, the MTA board approved an Antonovich/Roberts motion to conduct a combined highway study for North County. About 1 in 3 people in the study area lived and still live in equity focused communities. A large labor pool relies on the SR 14 to get to and from work, the corridor also serves as the only truck route for goods movement between North County and the greater Los Angeles area

Completion of the study in 2004 produced the SR-14 Major Impact Study (MIS). The study concluded that SR 14 had unsafe, sub-standard configurations that have led to 1,800 collisions and more than 30 deaths between 2014 and 2018. In broader terms, the sub-standard lane drop configuration creates bottlenecks that have contributed to more accidents and deaths per capita than other facilities in the county and state. It has been 18 years since the MIS was released and it is time to fix these life-threatening conditions.

Six unsafe and sub-standard freeway locations were identified in the study for correction. Currently, 3 of the locations are ready for environmental clearance . Cost sharing between Caltrans and MTA is \$40-\$60 million. The North County Transportation Coalition has contributed \$4.7 million towards this effort.

#### **SUBJECT: SR 14 TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MOTION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE Motion by Directors Najarian, Butts, and Barger that the CEO direct staff to work with Caltrans to find a path forward to correct sub-standard configurations for the 3 locations ready for environmental clearance, including a funding plan, and provide monthly progress updates to the Board beginning October 2022.