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Metropolitan Transportation Authority

TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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Recommendation

CONSIDER:
A. APPROVING the Transportation Communication Network (TCN) Project.

B. CERTIFYING, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the Transportation Communication Network, if the Board concludes that it satisfies the requirements of CEQA and reflects the Board's independent judgment following CEQA Guidelines, section 15090.

C. ADOPTING, in accordance with CEQA, the:

1. Findings of Fact, and
2. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

D. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State of California Clearinghouse.

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Background & Purpose

Background:

- Board Action (File # 2021-0062) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with City of Los Angeles approved by Board.

- City Council approved the MOA on December 16, 2021

Purpose:

- TCN will create a multidisciplined and interdepartmental communication network

- Generate a revenue stream

- Will remove approximately 200 Signs

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Program Highlights

- No out-of-pocket capital costs to Metro
- Intelligent Transportation System, Travel Demand and Public Event Management
- Public Transit Promotion and Metro Communications
- Multilingual Public Safety and Emergency Messaging
- Remove approximately 200 signs City-wide
- Revenue generation for Metro projects and City transportation projects
- All TCN Signs will be owned and controlled by Metro and conform to Metro policies

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Face Removal Highlights

- 82 locations in City will be removed
  - 47 (57%) are in Equity Focused Communities (EFC)

- Of the 56 locations being studied
  - 17 (30%) are in EFCs

- The MOA stipulates that the use of funds by the City be directed toward improving transportation. The MOA also notes that the improvements around bus stops should focus on the LACMTA EFCs.

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CEQA Status & Next Steps

CEQA Status:

- Notice of Preparation issued April 18, 2022
  - Initial Study identified
  - 34 freeway facing structures
  - 22 non-freeway facing structures

- Completed Scoping meetings on Thursday May 19, 2022, and Saturday May 21, 2022.

- Comment period extended 30 days to 45 days
  - In addition to required public agency notices
    - Published in Los Angeles Times
    - 17,247 postcards mailed
    - 250,000 emails
- EIR Final November 15, 2022

Next Steps: Request CEQA certification on January 26, 2023, Board Meeting

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Questions / Comments

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