



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

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ITEM 9

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Transferal of Management of Specific Capital Projects in Los Angeles from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to the Authority

Issue

Specific Los Angeles County capital projects on the Metrolink System need to be managed directly by the Authority, rather than Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), to minimize liability to the Authority and potentially reduce total project costs.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board direct staff to work with Metro to develop plans to transfer the management of specific capital projects currently under the management of Metro to the management of the Authority. The projects recommended for transfer are those that connect to the live track, signal and communication systems with potential to critically affect the safety and integrity of the infrastructure of the Metrolink System.

If approved staff will develop requirements for the transfer of specific projects and return to the Board with a plan that identifies the resources needed for the transfer.

Alternatives

The Board may reject staff's recommendation and continue with the implementation of capital projects by Metro on the Metrolink System.

Background

Over the years, various approaches have been used to implement capital construction projects on the Metrolink System. More recently, member agencies have lead the management of capital projects on the Metrolink System, including line extensions, grade separations, highway-rail at-grade-crossing improvements and station construction projects. Member agencies have hired contractors to perform design and construction of the projects under their procurement policies and procedures, which are established for highway, bus, and light-rail transit projects.

Metrolink projects are different than member-agency projects because they are on an open 512-mile heavy-rail system under the jurisdiction of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) across a six-county region operating on shared corridors with freight and intercity rail service. The contractors and vendors who provide the services needed for the Metrolink projects comply with a different set of government regulations and operating requirements.

Staff believes the Authority should be the lead agency in managing the following types of projects on the Metrolink System:

- New track construction that ties into existing system
- New sidings and siding track extensions
- Signal, PTC, Train Control and closely related systems work.
- Improvements at highway-rail at-grade crossings
- Addition of control points and track crossovers

Currently, Metro has plans to implement eleven rail projects on the Metrolink System identified on Attachment A, Los Angeles County Regional Rail Projects. These projects are in various stages of progress and one of them, Vincent Siding, is already under the Authority's management. Projects on the list that the Authority recommends for transfer are:

- Raymer to Bernson Second Track
- Van Nuys Second Platform
- Bob Hope Airport Station Pedestrian Overpass
- CP White to Lone Hill Environmental
- Brighton to Roxford Double Track
- LA County Grade Crossing Improvements

Next Steps

Once approved by the Board, the Authority will work with Metro in developing a plan to transfer the management of specific capital projects. Staff will return to the Board to present the transition plan and any associated costs and resources required created by accepting this responsibility.

Metrolink will work with Metro to exercise a Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) to implement this action and address specific issues related to a transition plan for projects currently underway and planned, communications protocols between the two agencies, funding, Metro's and Metrolink's interface with California High Speed Rail, oversight of projects by both agencies and funding of Metrolink resources to implement and manage the projects.

Budget Impact

There would be an impact to budget if approved by the Board. At that time, staff will commence discussions with Metro on how such project transfers might be accomplished in an orderly fashion and how the project management will be funded.

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L.A. County Regional Rail Projects

1. SCRIP
 2. Doran St. Grade Separation
 3. Raymer to Bernson Second Track
 4. Van Nuys Second Platform
 5. Vincent Grade Siding and Platform
 6. Bob Hope Airport / Hollywood Way Station
 7. Bob Hope Airport Station Pedestrian Overpass
 8. Rosecrans / Marquardt Grade Separation
 9. CP White to Lone Hill Env.
 10. Brighton to Roxford Double Track
 11. Grade Crossing Improvements
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