

# Next stop: a new kind of bus ride on Vermont.

VERMONT TRANSIT CORRIDOR



Metro



Planning & Programming Committee

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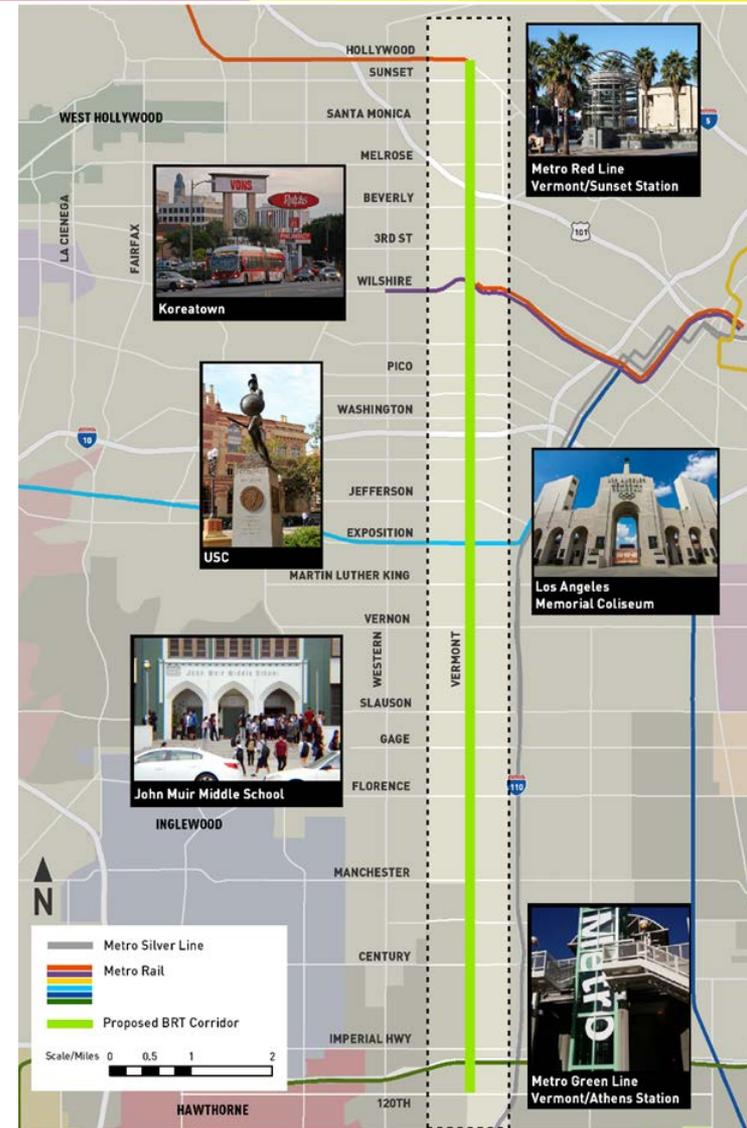
# Recommendation

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to:

- A. AWARD AND EXECUTE a 48-month firm fixed price Contract No. AE68471000 to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for the Vermont Transit Corridor Environmental Review and Conceptual Engineering pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines in the amount of \$33,066,291 (inclusive of two optional tasks: 1) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Document in the amount of \$4,367,917 and; 2) Opportunities and Capacity for Use of Value Capture in the amount of \$341,503), subject to resolution of protest(s), if any; and
- B. APPROVE Contract Modification Authority in the amount of \$8,266,573 and authorize the CEO to execute individual Contract Modifications within the Board approved Contract Modification Authority.

# Background

- February 2017 - Completed Vermont BRT Technical Study
- April 2019:
  - Completed Vermont Transit Corridor Rail Conversion/Feasibility Study
  - Staff directed to advance BRT and rail concepts into environmental; conduct separate feasibility study extending corridor to South Bay Silver Line PCH transitway station
- October 2020 – Issued RFP for planning and environmental study; public outreach issued as separate contract using existing Communications Bench in Jan 2021



# Environmental Contract Award

- Base contract: CEQA clearance for all project alternatives
- Six alternatives to be evaluated:
  - Three Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternatives
    - End-to-end side running
    - End-to-end center running
    - Combination side and center running
  - Three Rail Alternatives
    - Light Rail Transit (LRT)
    - Heavy Rail Transit (HRT) connecting to Metro B Line (Red)
    - Separate HRT to/from Wilshire/Vermont Station
- Contract options: NEPA clearance and Value Capture
- SBE and DVBE goals exceeded



# Project Schedule

- Summer 2021
  - Begin Environmental Work
  - Issue Notice of Preparation
  - Conduct 45-day Public Scoping Period
  
- Spring 2023
  - Complete Draft EIR
  - Metro Board Selection of Proposed Project/Locally Preferred Alternative
  
- Spring 2024
  - Final EIR to Metro Board



# Next Steps

- Upon Board approval, begin work on Planning and Environmental Study
- Initiate public engagement led by Outreach Contractor
  - Strong knowledge of the corridor and local communities
  - Has experience working with Community-Based Organizations

