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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT METRO CONNECTOR (OPERATION SHOVEL READY)

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE the **quarterly status report on the Airport Metro Connector (AMC)** including clarification on the project's target delivery date in response to the April 2016 Board Motion (Attachment A).

ISSUE

This report provides an update on the following: (1) environmental review process; (2) architectural and engineering design services; (3) Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project design accommodations; and (4) project schedule and funding opportunities.

DISCUSSION

Staff, in coordination with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), continues to advance development of the AMC 96th Street transit station. Over this past quarter, work continued on the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), conceptual station design, and accommodations as part of the Crenshaw/LAX Line Project to allow for future construction of the AMC station. Staff continues to explore additional funding options. LAWA continues its environmental clearance and design processes for the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP), including the Automated People Mover (APM). LAWA's APM system includes six new stations with one of the stops located at the AMC transit station. Metro riders will be able to transfer to the APM system in order to reach the Central Terminal Area at LAX.

Environmental Review Process

Staff continues to work with LAWA representatives to coordinate the respective environmental efforts for both the AMC transit station and LAMP program, which are on parallel schedules. LAWA provided Metro with existing and projected traffic data to help ensure that both separate and independent projects are fully synchronized. In addition to exchanging data, Metro staff continues to attend the bi-

weekly multi-agency ground access technical coordination meetings led by LAWA with Caltrans, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to discuss roadway concepts, freeway access, traffic modeling, and details of the LAX LAMP.

Architectural and Engineering Design Services

Work progresses on defining the station's program elements to help prepare site concepts depicting square footage and programming and building(s) footprint. Staff continues to work with LAWA on coordinating proposed project elements as well as coordinating on the station design guidelines as identified in the approved June 2014 Metro Board motion (Attachment B).

Crenshaw/LAX Design Accommodations

Staff is negotiating the final Design and Construction contract modification with Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors for the AMC station accommodations and has issued a limited Notice to Proceed for the design of the track, guideway and systems accommodations. Design is substantially complete and released for construction. Staff is currently working with Walsh-Shea Corridor Contractors on the construction costs and anticipates seeking Metro Board approval for the contract modification in June 2016.

Schedule and Funding

In March 2015, based on further analysis and coordination with the LAWA, staff informed the Metro Board that the AMC station would open with LAWA's APM in calendar year 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024). There has been no change to this schedule, which is subject to additional funding being secured for the project. This project which is a regional project is scheduled for delivery in the first 15 years of the draft Potential Ballot Measure (PBM) Expenditure Plan currently under public review. The calendar year (Fiscal Year 2024) delivery date accelerates the project by five years from the 2028 date in the currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition to PBM funding, staff is pursuing other funding opportunities, including the State Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER VII) Discretionary Grant, the FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant and the State Active Transportation Program.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to coordinate with LAWA on the station design. Staff anticipates releasing the Draft EIR in June 2016 for public comment and returning to the Board in the Fall for certification of the document. During this time period, discussions will continue with the FTA on the type of the federal environmental clearance needed for this project.


ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - April 28, 2016 Board Motion

Attachment B - June 2014 Board Motion

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