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**AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

SUBJECT: SUSTAINABILITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT - SOUTH BAY SLOW SPEED LANE STUDY

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE **status report on Sustainability Demonstration Project - South Bay Slow Speed Lane Study.**

ISSUE

As part of the Implementation Plan for the Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy (CSPP, 2012), Metro has initiated a series of small scale demonstration projects. One of those projects is a study intended to lay the groundwork for a network of “slow speed lanes” in the South Bay subregion. This item will provide an update and presentation on this project, which is nearing completion.

DISCUSSION

Slow speed vehicles are included in the CSPP under the “Green Modes” strategy which includes any mode of travel from walking up to neighborhood electric vehicles with a top speed of 35 miles per hour. The current study will result in the design of 4 localized case study “zones” with specified improvements that will facilitate and encourage the use of these vehicles. The zones will be augmented by a backbone network that would connect the zones and enable travel throughout the subregion.

Currently, the project is proceeding through a consultant effort to identify case study areas, engage outreach discussions with cities, and begin network design.

The staff will make a presentation that describes the opportunities for creating slow zones region-wide, and the potential impact on sustainability indicators. The demonstration project is anticipated to be complete in early summer 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$200,000 required for this project is included in the FY17 budget in Cost Center 4340, Sustainability Policy and Programs, under Project 450009, Sustainable Transportation Demo.

Impact to Budget

The source of funding is Propositions A, C, TDA Administration which is not eligible for bus and rail operating and capital expenses.

NEXT STEPS

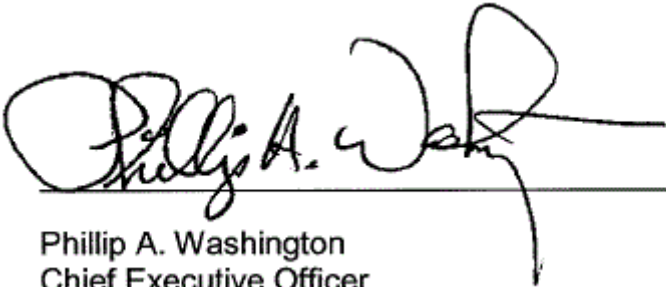
Upon completion of the study, staff will provide a final report/presentation to the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Presentation on Sustainability Demonstration Project

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