



## Board Report

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
MAY 15, 2019**

**SUBJECT: RIO HONDO CONFLUENCE STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE AND FILE update on the Rio Hondo Confluence Station Feasibility Study.

**ISSUE**

At the December 2018 meeting, the Board approved Motion 15.1 (Attachment A) to conduct a feasibility study of a potential West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) station at the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Rio Hondo Channel (Confluence). This report provides an update on the status of the feasibility study.

**BACKGROUND**

The West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor would travel over the Confluence area (Attachment B). Locating a station at the Confluence could connect light rail transit (LRT) with planned community uses in the area as part of the recently completed Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP), should that vision be implemented. Doing so would also offer WSAB LRT access to each of the planned amenities while supporting potential economic development.

At the December 6, 2018 meeting, the Metro Board of Directors approved Motion 15.1 directing a separate, parallel feasibility study of a WSAB station at the Confluence area. The motion directed staff to:

- Fund a feasibility study and any necessary environmental clearance for a potential station at the confluence site;
- Commence the feasibility study immediately, with a determination of feasibility and whether to advance into environmental review made after the completion of the environmental documentation process for the WSAB Project;
- Participate with proponents seeking to design and implement the confluence area vision, which is set forth in the LLARRP;
- Work collaboratively with state, local and federal partners to secure funding for the capital improvements of the potential confluence site station, should Metro subsequently find the station would provide mobility value after consideration of a future study; and

- Report back to the Board in six months on the progress of the feasibility study.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff is currently finalizing the Statement of Work and the Independent Cost Estimate as part of the Request for Proposals (RFP) package that will be used to solicit qualified firms to conduct the feasibility study. Once finalized, the RFP package will be released this summer, and the contract will be awarded by winter of this year. The feasibility study is anticipated to be completed within 24 months of award date. Below is the anticipated schedule.

Phase	Date
Pre-procurement (Scope of Work, VCM review, DEOD Review etc.)	Spring/Summer 2019
Metro Releases RFP	Summer 2019
Notice of Award	Winter 2019
Prepare Feasibility Study	Winter 2019 - Winter 2021

## **EQUITY**

The Feasibility Study conforms to the recently adopted Metro Equity Platform Framework through assessing the potential new benefits of enhanced mobility and regional access to the historically underinvested populations in the Project Area.

## **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

These actions will not have any impact on the safety of our customers and/or employees because this project is at the study phase and no capital or operational impacts will result from this Board action.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The FY 2018-19 budget contains no funds for the feasibility study. Funds will need to be added to the

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FY 2019-20 budget in Cost Center 4370 (Systemwide Team 3) in order to award the contract.

Impact to Budget

The funding for the feasibility study is in the Measure M Expenditure Plan. As these funds are intended for the feasibility study, they are not eligible for Metro bus and rail capital and operating expenditures.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The feasibility study will assess the need and benefit of a station at the Rio Hondo Confluence area. This directly supports Strategic Plan Goal 1: Provide high quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling. The Study will evaluate the mobility value of a station at this location, consistent with Goal 1.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board could decide not to release an RFP package to solicit services for the feasibility study. This alternative is not recommended as it would directly contradict the December Board Motion 15.1. The Board could also decide to delay the release of the RFP package until the completion of the WSAB environmental study. This alternative is not recommended however, as a delay in reaching a finding of feasibility for adding a station at the confluence could have potential impacts to the WSAB project schedule.

**NEXT STEPS**

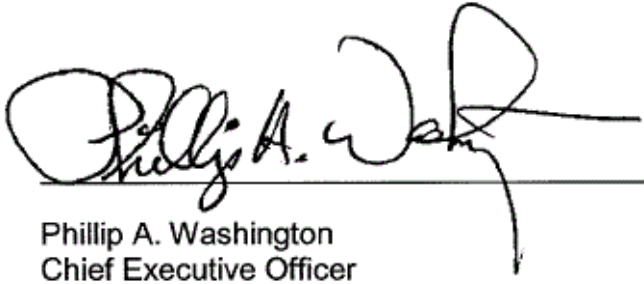
Staff will continue to prepare the RFP package for release in summer. Once the bidding window has closed, staff will review qualified proposals and award the contract in winter.

**ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A - December 2018 Board Motion #15.1  
ATTACHMENT B - Confluence Area Map

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