



Board Report

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**SUBJECT: VERMONT AND NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO PASADENA BUS RAPID TRANSIT
CORRIDORS**

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE this update on the status of **the advanced technical studies for the Vermont and North Hollywood to Pasadena corridors** in response to the July 24, 2014 and October 23, 2014 Board directives.

ISSUE

At the July 24, 2014 meeting, the Board directed staff to begin the advanced technical work on the Vermont and North Hollywood to Pasadena corridors as a result of recommendations from the Los Angeles County Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Street Design Improvement Study. Attachment A contains the Board directive. This was further supported through a subsequent motion approved by the Board at the October 23, 2014 meeting (Attachment B). This report updates the Board on the advanced technical work for the two corridors.

DISCUSSION

Background

In December 2013, staff completed the Los Angeles County BRT and Street Design Improvement Study. The purpose of the study was to develop recommendations for an effective countywide BRT system that includes dedicated peak period bus lanes and/or other general bus speed improvements. At the February 2014 Planning and Programming Committee, staff presented the study findings and identified nine potential BRT candidate corridors. Staff recommended moving forward with more detailed corridor level technical analysis of the nine corridor beginning with the Vermont and North Hollywood to Pasadena corridors.

Technical Studies

In July 2015, task orders were issued for consultant services to complete the Board directed advanced technical work for both the Vermont and North Hollywood to Pasadena corridors. A

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been established for each study consisting of representatives of affected jurisdictions along the corridor as well as other key stakeholders. The purpose of each TAC is to discuss project status, provide technical consultation, and receive feedback in order to identify any issues and/or challenges and potential resolutions. The first TAC meeting for each study was held on August 13, 2015. Both technical studies will be conducted concurrently and are expected to take up to 18 months to complete.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue the technical studies for both the Vermont and North Hollywood to Pasadena corridors.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - July 24, 2014 Board Motion

Attachment B - October 23, 2014 Board Motion

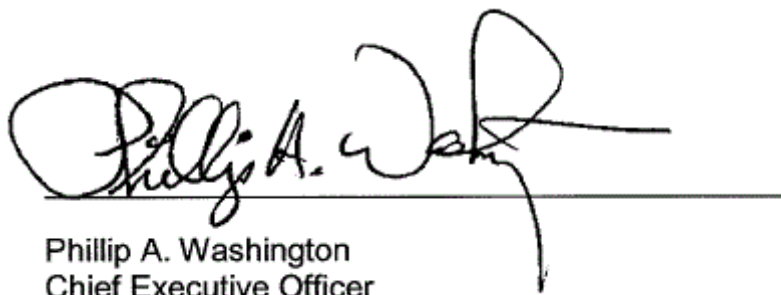
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