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## CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

# SUBJECT: CALTRANS QUARTERLY UPDATE

#### ACTION: ORAL REPORT

### RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE quarterly oral report on the status of Caltrans' construction projects.

#### EQUITY PLATFORM

Projects administrated by Caltrans have federal aid and Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) commitment goals based on the contract bid amount for federal aid projects.

- I-405 Crenshaw Auxiliary Lane DBE goal is 14%.
- SR-71 South Segment did not have federal participation and did not establish a DVBE goal. The contractor claimed and achieved 0.76 percent in DVBE participation.
- SR-71 North Segment will comply with current business enterprise goals. Metro's contribution to this project is for construction capital and is limited to grant management processes through funding agreements.

Caltrans led and prioritized all elements of the proposed transportation improvements, including procurement, environmental process, outreach, final design, and construction. Caltrans in coordination with the local jurisdiction determined community engagement processes specific to the type of transportation improvement. This coordination is aligned with their own Caltrans' Race & Equity Action Plan (REAP) to address systemic racial inequities that exist within the public transportation sector. Throughout the construction phase, outreach efforts have consisted of sending press releases to the cities, communities, media outlets, and elected officials regarding construction work. Caltrans Public Affairs responds to constituent inquiries. Community meetings were held to before construction and are scheduled on an as-needed basis (i.e., upon request of stakeholders). Progress reports and updated information is posted on the Caltrans and Metro websites. Every effort is made to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate construction impacts along these corridor communities. For example, most of the projects include building soundwalls to mitigate noise levels at various locations throughout their respective project limits to help improve the quality of life for residents. Any unintended equity impacts that may arise will be responded to on a case-by-case basis by the appropriate project partners.

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