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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT METRO CONNECTOR STATUS UPDATE (OPERATION SHOVEL READY)

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE quarterly **status report on the Airport Metro Connector (AMC) 96th Street transit station** in response to the June 2014 Board motion.

ISSUE

At the June 26, 2014 meeting, the Board directed that quarterly status reports be provided on the AMC 96th Street transit station in coordination with Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) staff. The report provides updates on the status of the AMC project including: (1) environmental review process; (2) architectural and engineering design services; and (3) Crenshaw/LAX Project design accommodations for the future AMC 96th Street transit station. This report responds to the Board directive which is contained in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

Staff in coordination with LAWA continues to advance the AMC 96th Street transit station. Over this past quarter, work continued on the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), station design and on the Crenshaw/LAX Line accommodations to allow for the construction of the station. LAWA continues its environmental clearance of its Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP) including the Automated People Mover (APM).

On September 8, 2015, Metro submitted an expression of interest for the AMC 96th Street transit station for the Federal Transit Administration's Expedited Delivery Pilot Program. As was reported in the December 22, 2015 memo to the Board, the AMC 96th Street transit station project was determined to be ineligible for the program as it is a station rather than a new fixed guideway or an extension to an existing fixed guideway. Staff continues to explore other funding opportunities.

Environmental Review Process

Staff continues to work with LAWA representatives to coordinate the environmental efforts for both the AMC transit station and LAMP project, which are on parallel schedules. LAWA staff 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 with LAWA representatives, Metro staff continues to attend the bi-weekly multi-agency ground access technical coordination meeting 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 representatives on coordinating proposed project elements as well as are coordinating on station design guidelines for the AMC transit station and LAWA's proposed LAMP APM station as identified in the approved June 2014 Metro Board motion.

Crenshaw/LAX Design Accommodations

Staff is negotiating the final Design and Construction contract modification with Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors and has issued a limited notice to proceed to complete the design for the track, guideway and systems accommodations. Design for the track work is currently at 100% and is progressing to release for construction. Designs of the guideway and systems are approximately 85% and are progressing to 100%. Additional property acquisition is no longer needed on the east side of the Metro ROW for the accommodations.

NEXT STEPS

Staff in close coordination with LAWA representatives will continue to work on the environmental document, station design and the Crenshaw/LAX design accommodations. Staff anticipates the release of the Metro Draft EIR in Summer 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - June 26, 2014 Board Motion

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