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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT METRO CONNECTOR 96TH STREET TRANSIT STATION

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE this **quarterly status report on the Airport Metro Connector (AMC) 96th Street Transit Station** including an update on the environmental clearance process and project design.

ISSUE

This report provides an update on the following: (1) environmental review process; (2) architectural and engineering design services; and (3) Crenshaw/LAX Project design accommodations.

DISCUSSION

Staff, in coordination with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), continues to advance the environmental clearance, design and accommodations for the AMC 96th Street Transit Station. Over this past quarter, work continued toward completing the environmental clearance and Schematic Design (15%). For LAWA, the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on March 2, 2017 for the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). As part of LAMP, LAWA is planning an Automated People Mover (APM) system that includes a station located adjacent to the AMC 96th Street transit station. As currently planned, rail and bus transit passengers will be able to transfer to the APM system to reach the Central Terminal Area at LAX.

Environmental Review Process

On January 26, 2017, the Board certified the AMC 96th Street Transit Station Final EIR. For the federal requirements per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental memorandum was prepared to document the environmental findings for the AMC 96th Street Transit Station and to support a determination by FTA that the project meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion (CE). The CE was submitted to FTA in March 2017 and staff will provide a verbal update as part of this report on the status of FTA's review and determination.

Architectural and Engineering Design Services

Staff completed the Schematic Design (15%) in March 2017 (Attachment A) and will initiate the next phase of Design Development (30%) in May 2017. Staff continues to work with LAWA on coordinating the connection between the Metro and LAWA stations as well as coordinating on the station design guidelines identified in the approved June 2014 Metro Board motion (Attachment B). The table below shows how the completed schematic design addresses Board-directed design guidelines.

Board Directed Design Guidelines	Schematic Design
a) Enclosed facility	<i>Schematic design includes partially-enclosed facility</i>
b) Integrated APM/Light Rail station, minimizing walk distances	✓
c) Concourse areas	✓
d) LAX airline check-in with flight information boards	✓
e) Station restrooms	✓
f) Free public Wi-Fi/device charging areas	✓
g) Private vehicle drop-off area and taxi stand	✓
h) Pedestrian plaza with landscaping and street furniture	✓
i) Metro Bike hub with parking, bike repair stand and bike pump, showers, lockers, controlled access and 24-hour security cameras	<i>Bike programming/sizing is being revised to address bike demand at various project components</i>
j) Retail (food/beverage and convenience)	✓
k) L.A. visitor info and LAX info Kiosk	✓
l) Connectivity to Manchester Square and surrounding areas, including walkways	✓
m) At a minimum, LEED Silver certification	✓
n) Public art installation	✓
o) Other amenities for airport travelers, including currency exchange and bank/ATM machines	✓
p) Passenger safety	✓
Other Program Component	
Bus Plaza	✓

Crenshaw/LAX Design Accommodations

On January 26, 2017, the Board approved the negotiated amount with Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors for the construction of accommodations as part of the Crenshaw/LAX Line Project to not preclude a future Light Rail Transit (LRT) station at 96th Street. The accommodations include modifications to the LRT mainline tracks within Metro-owned right-of-way, relocation of a turn back facility, and upsizing certain equipment and enclosures to accommodate future AMC station requirements.

Staff is working with LAWA to install three columns within the Southwest Yard area as a component of the Airport's Automated People Mover. Installation of these columns will avoid conflicts with yard lead-in tracks.

NEXT STEPS

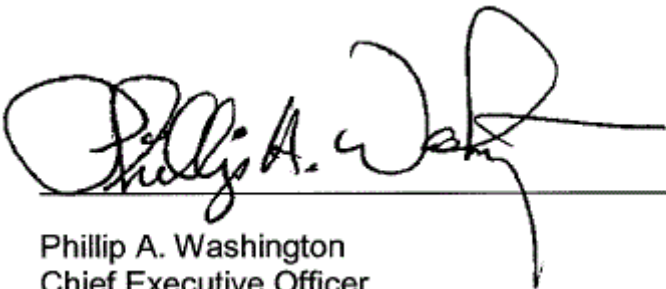
With the conclusion of the environmental clearance process, staff will proceed with other pre-construction activities including property acquisition and utility investigation/ relocation. Also, during the design development phase, staff will provide stakeholder briefings on the project design and the ongoing coordination with LAWA. As the project advances toward construction, staff will continue to update the Board at key project milestones.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A - Project Design Update
- Attachment B - June 2014 Board Motion

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