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SUBJECT: COMPLETE STREETS, FIRST/LAST MILE AND GREEN DESIGN TRAINING UPDATE

RECEIVE oral report on Complete Streets, First/Last Mile and Green Design Training update.

DISCUSSION

Metro provides sustainability-related training to local agency partners' staff and officials to educate them on Metro's multiple plans and methodologies, including Complete Streets, First/Last Mile, and Green Design. The trainings serve to improve staff capacity at the local level and enable collaborative effort on future plans and projects. During this oral report, staff will provide an overview and status report on our training efforts.

Complete Streets Training

- Metro has developed a Complete Streets training program to encourage and facilitate local jurisdictions in meeting requirements in Metro's Complete Streets Policy (2014).
- The two-day curriculum focuses on Complete Streets policy development and adoption; designing Complete Streets projects; and overcoming obstacles to implementing Complete Streets projects.
- Between December 2016 and April 2017, 8 Complete Streets trainings have been held with staff attendance from 51 different jurisdictions and 5 community-based organizations. Four more Complete Streets trainings are scheduled through October 2017.

First/Last Mile Trainings

- First/Last Mile trainings are offered by Metro for city staff and elected officials to learn the first/last mile planning methodology and become familiar with Metro's first/last mile initiatives.
- Two First/Last Mile trainings have been held in 2017. Each training is completed in coordination with a host city. The curriculum and activities are tailored to conditions in the host city including a walk audit that is conducted from the training location to a nearby (existing or future) rail station. This experience, coupled with the ensuing charrette, gives participants first-hand understanding of the first/last mile planning methodology.
- Seven additional trainings will be held in 2017, dates and locations are yet to be determined.

Green Design Training

- The Green Design training is offered once a year for successful applicants of Metro Call for

Projects, starting with the 2013 Call for Projects, to comply with the sustainable design requirement.

- The training this year was held at Metro Headquarters on May 15. The training covered topics such as Metro's policies and sustainable design requirements for Call for Projects, Sustainable Design Plan component definitions, green design strategies, and performance metrics. Call for Projects recipients from 2013 and onward were invited. Fifteen people attended the training.

To support the training programs, a new training website was developed. Training dates and locations are updated on the website and publicized through Metro email distribution lists. The website is: <https://www.metro.net/projects/sustainability-training-workshops/>.

Moving forward, Metro planning staff is investigating a "train the trainers" program that may allow the training programs to be shared with other organizations to expand access and reduce demand on Metro staff over time.

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