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WSCCOG Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, February 9th, at 9:30 AM

Location: Beverly Hills City Hall
 Third Floor, Conference Room
 455 North Rexford Drive
 Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:50a.m. by Co-chair Heilman.

II. Follow-up to COG Board Meeting of 1/29/2009

A. Lobbyists Discussion Re: Transportation

This item was held over because the Federal Stimulus Package was continuing to change. It was noted that the discussion and information provided by the lobbyists was good.

B. Other

It was decided to refer to the COG technical committee to discuss how to begin to explore opening a dialogue about LaCienega Blvd with the supervisors, cities and metro. It was suggested that a LaCienega Summit might be a good way to see if there is any support and/or interest in doing something along LaCienega.

III. Update: Measure R

A. Westside Subway Extension Project

B. Expo Phase I and II

C. Decision of PUC – (Note: The PUC has postponed the public hearing to February 20, 2009)

D. Other WSCCOG Priority Transportation Projects – Note, under VI. B. (below), the Metro Letter re: 2009 Call For Projects. Staff is meeting to begin the process.

Expo Construction Authority staff provided a brief update on the project and indicated that the [Phase 2 Draft Environmental Review](#) (DEIR) document was out for public comment. The public comment period and hearings on the DEIR will conclude in March 2009. The Expo Board discussion of alternatives is anticipated on April 2009. Finally the projected schedule anticipates construction beginning in 2010 and revenue service to begin in 2015.

Staff was asked to prepare a letter to the Metro Board:

- o thanking the Board for continued support of the Expo effort and the inclusion of both the alternatives for the Subway to the Sea alignments,
- o including the “how strongly the voters from the Westside communities supported Measure R, largely in support of the Expo project and the Subway to the Sea, and
- o noting that we’re at “step 2 or a 4 part process”.

IV. Congestion Mitigation program -- potential advantageous to the Westside cities.

Metro staff discussed the Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study Report, a self-help proposal for congestion relief in Los Angeles County approved by the LACMTA Board September 2008. Metro staff is in **Step 2: Local Project Identification** (of a four Step work plan) which is to work with local jurisdictions to confirm growth forecasts and begin identifying projects with regional benefits. It was noted that Metro consultant was working on confirming growth forecasts for specific areas, including the City of Los Angeles, and that the Westside Cities could possibly be included in that work at no cost if desired.

Following the discussion, Co-Chair Heilman asked why can't the Westside Cities adopt its own fee and thus retain total control over the administration and use of the funds. He also noted, that some communities have already adopted similar fees or some are planning to.

It was also clarified that an additional opportunity is that the consultant work will provide the data for the Nexus study has to be completed before any such fee can be adopted by Metro or a local jurisdiction.

Finally, the discussion concluded with the acknowledgement that ultimately the goal is the have each city adopt a fee that particularly for the Westside may be the same amount.

V. Next Steps, Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items

VI. Receive and File:

- A. December 11, 2008 Committee Meeting Notes**
- B. January 20, 2009 Letter from Carol Inge, Chief Planning Officer Countywide Planning and Development for Metro, Subject: 2009 Call For Projects**
- C. January 29, 2009 Letter from Mark Maloney, General Manager, Westside/Central Service Sector for Metro, Subject: Appointments to Westside/Central Governance Council**
- D. Other**

The Committee Meeting Notes for December 11, 2008 were corrected to remove the reference to Co-Chair Briskman who not at the meeting. No other changes were made.

The Transportation Technical group took the lead on scheduling the presentation from Metro staff on the 2009 Call For Projects for the Westside Cities.

The COG director will confirm the continuing representation desire of the existing appointments for the Westside/Central Governance Council and place an item for consideration on the May COG Board agenda.

VII. Announcements:

A. Reschedule Expo Phase I and II Tour

This item was not discussed.

VIII. Public Comment RE Items Not On the Agenda

NOTE: Depending on the length of the Agenda and number of individuals desiring to address the Committee, the time allotted for Public Comment may be limited.

There was no Public Comment.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 13, 2009 at 9:30 AM Beverly Hills City Hall