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**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
October 19, 2009, at 9:30 AM  
Beverly Hills City Hall  
**Conference Room, 4th Floor**  
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

## **Meeting Notes**

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40a.m. with Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, Council Member O'Leary and Council Member Brien present. See attached for additional participants.

### **II. LRTP Deferral and Federal Funding Priorities Metro Board Consideration on September 24<sup>th</sup>**

It was indicated that the COG had a good advocacy presence at the September 24 Metro Board meeting that included several COG elected representatives and staff. Several of the COG elected representatives provided brief comments to the board. The Federal Funding Priorities passed as a packaged to include the Subway Expansion and Regional Connector projects.

With respect to the LRTP Deferral to the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Metro Board meeting, it was indicated that the COG would have a similar advocacy presence as in the past and that the focus of comments would be to urge the board to maintain its consensus of leadership to pass the LRTP.

### **III. Updates:**

#### **A. Measure R**

It was indicated that the big issue on Measure R is the 3% local contribution which is an assumption and not codified in the actual Measure. The Metro Board will ultimately have to adopt a local contribution policy with the goal of 3%. Metro staff has been charged with meeting with local jurisdictions on what the policy might be. This is about a six month process. The next issue is to begin moving forward some of the Measure R projects.

#### **B. Expo Phase I and II**

It was indicated that there is yet to be closure on the Farmdale/Dorsey High School crossing issue on Phase I (placing Phase I about 50 weeks behind schedule) and on Phase II the EIR process continues along with the review of some grade-crossing issues.

#### **C. Westside Subway Extension Project**

In addition to the brief discussion under Item II, above, it was indicated that within the next few weeks Metro staff is to meet with COG Transportation staff to discuss station locations. Public meetings on the station locations have begun, as well.

#### **D. Status of Metro 2009 Call For Projects**

It was indicated that the Metro 2009 Call For Projects has been approved by Metro Board as recommended.

#### **E. Digital Billboard Report**

##### **1. NCHRP Digital Billboard Report**

This item was referred to the Transportation and Planner staff groups.

#### **IV. Discussion of Transportation Committee Work Program for 2010-2012**

Following discussion of the proposed work program, question was raised about including something on the Green Line. However, it was pointed out that the COG has not taken a formal action on either the Green Line or the Regional Connector. It was felt that an approach would be to broaden the work program by adding that the COG would continue to support transit regionally via such intra-regional connectivity components as the Green Line/LAX and the Regional Connector. It was indicated that a specific reference to bike paths should also be included and coordinated with the Sustainability Committee.

With respect to La Cienega Corridor Enhancement, it was felt that there should be a discussion with the elected officials of the County and Cities of Inglewood and Los Angeles. It was suggested to send a letter to the County and Cities of Inglewood and Los Angeles expressing the COG's desire to work together on looking comprehensively at La Cienega (economically, visually and from a transit perspective) to see what the initial reactions might be. The Transportation staff group will endeavor to have an initial strategy identified for the December committee meeting.

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

#### **VI. Receive and File:**

##### **A. August 24, 2009 Committee Meeting Notes**

The meeting notes were modified and approved. (The approved modified meeting notes have been posted to the website.)

#### **VII. Announcements:**

It was announced that the City of LA has schedule meetings citywide to discuss the Bike Lane plan.

#### **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.**

Barbara Bordie indicated that the Overland Avenue Bridge project has begun. The work which will be completed in late-2010 will widen the west side of the existing Overland Avenue overcrossing at the Santa Monica Freeway, providing a dedicated right-turn only lane from the northbound to the westbound freeway on-ramp and will add one northbound through lane on the Overland Avenue overcrossing.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20a.m. to December 14, 2009 at 9:30 AM, Beverly Hills City Hall.