EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

DATE:

JULY 14, 2005

TO:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM:

RICHARD D. THORPE

METRO CHIEF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER

SUBJECT:

3-MONTH AGENDA LOOKAHEAD

ACTION:

RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

SUMMARY

Several key actions have or are about to take place which will allow for the Exposition Project to move forward on an accelerated basis. The Metro Board of Directors have approved a \$640 million funding plan, as well as, a Fiscal Year 2006 budget of \$43.75 million, which will provide funding for staffing, initial Design-Build efforts, right-of-way acquisition, as well as, some initial construction activities.

The environmental process is scheduled to be complete late this year, which would allow the Construction Authority to enter into a Design-Build contract in early 2006 for final design efforts to begin.

In the meantime, numerous activities must take place to support these key activities. SB 504 which created the Construction Authority, mandates that certain actions take place prior to proceeding with design and construction. These include, for example, development of:

- Administrative Code
- Financial Plan
- Project Management Plan
- MOU with Metro
- Operating Plan
- Property Management Plan
- System Safety & Security Plan
- Contracting Goals (DBE)

Other administrative actions need to take place at the same time. Decisions relative to staffing, office location, meeting times and location, election of officers and legal counsel are examples of early action items necessary for the Construction Authority to be able to proceed with design and construction of the project.

Over the next three months, Board review and/or approval of the following need to take place in order to remain on our accelerated schedule. They include:

- Selection of Officers
- Staffing
- Fund Transfer Agreement with Metro
- Administrative Code
- MOU with Metro
- Review of Environmental Documents
- Review and Approval of Contracting Plan
- Issuance of Request for Proposals for Design-Build Services
- Project Offices
- FY06 Budget
- Meeting Times and Locations