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**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 15, 2007**

**SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR PROJECT ENHANCEMENTS AND MITIGATIONS
RELATED TO THE METRO GOLD LINE EASTSIDE EXTENSION**

**ACTION: APPROVE THE REMAINING TRANSFER OF STATE TRAFFIC
CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE METRO
GOLD LINE EASTSIDE EXTENSION PROJECT FOR PROJECT
ENHANCEMENTS AND MITIGATIONS AND AUTHORIZE RELATED
ACTIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the following actions:

- A. Program \$3,890,894 in State Traffic Congestion Relief Program Funds, as approved by the State for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project, to fund ongoing project enhancements and mitigations that are beyond the original scope of Project 800088 (Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension) to include:
 1. Excavation activities of the east portal;
 2. 1-710 Freeway Bridge mitigation costs;
 3. City and County of Los Angeles enhancements, including, but not limited to, historical and pedestrian lighting, and business mitigations; and
 4. Metro operational enhancements.
- B. Increase the life-of-project budget for Project 800288 (Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Enhancements and Mitigations), by \$3,890,894, increasing the life-of-project budget from \$38,109,106 to \$42,000,000; and
- C. Amend the FY'07 budget for Project 800288 (Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Enhancements and related Mitigations) to include anticipated expenditures.

ISSUE

Additional funding is required for project enhancements and mitigation measures that have been required during the construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project. As such, these enhancements and mitigation measures are beyond the original scope and budget for Project 800088. Funding for these items will be provided and tracked separately within Project 800288 (Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Enhancements and Mitigations).

BACKGROUND

In March 2005, the Metro Board of Directors approved \$18.0 million to fund items that had been deferred at the time that the original project budget of \$898.8 million had been established in early 2004. The Metro Board of Directors also established a new project (800288) to complete those items.

In December 2006, the Metro Board of Directors approved an increase in funding for the rebuild of Ramona Opportunity High School, in accordance with the property exchange agreement between Metro and Los Angeles Unified School District. This action authorized staff to increase the budget for Project 800288 by \$20.1 million, from \$18.0 million to \$38.1 million. Funds for this increase were provided through an allocation of \$24 million in State Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds for Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension mitigations. These funds can only be used for enhancement and mitigation activities outside the scope of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project (800088).

Since the December 2006 Board action only approved the use of \$20.1 million of the \$24 million in State TCRP funds, Board approval is now being sought to allocate the balance of \$3,890,894 to the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extensions Enhancement and Mitigations Project (800288).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The FY'07 budget will be amended to include expenditures (see Attachment A) to Project 800288 (Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Enhancements and Mitigations), Cost Center 8510 (Construction Contracts/Procurement), and Accounts 53101 (Acquisition Building and Structure), 53102 (Acquisition of Equipment) and 50316 (Professional and Technical Services). The expenditures will be funded with State TCRP funds approved for Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension enhancements and mitigations activities.

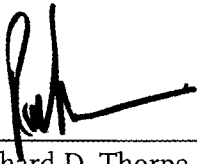
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Metro Board of Directors may reject the recommendation. Rejection may require staff to present to the community alternative solutions with reduced scope to mitigate the ongoing issues. Metro may also lose the opportunity to utilize the State TCRP funds, which are currently earmarked for Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension enhancements and mitigations. Also, Metro would be required to find another means to fund the enhancements and mitigations.

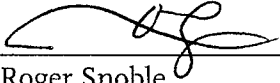
ATTACHMENT

A. Funding/Expenditure Plan

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Attachment A

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Enhancements & Mitigations Funding / Expenditure Plan (Dollars in Thousands)

Description	FY-07	FY-08	FY-09	Total	% of Total
Uses of Funds					
Enhancements & Mitigations	2,110	640	150	2,900	74.4%
Contingency	700	250	50	1,000	25.6%
TOTAL	2,810	890	200	3,900	100.0%
Sources of Funds					
State Traffic Congestion Relief Program Funds	2,810	890	200	3,900	100.0%
TOTAL FUNDING	2,810	890	200	3,900	100.0%