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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 16, 2008**

**SUBJECT: CARSON SOUTH BAY PAVILION REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER,
CALL FOR PROJECTS GRANT #8219**

ACTION: APPROVE AMENDED PROJECT EXTENSION LAPSING DATE

RECOMMENDATION

Amend lapsing date for the Carson South Bay Pavilion Regional Transit Center Project #8219 from June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

ISSUE

In January 2007, the Board of Directors approved supplemental Call for Project funding for the Carson South Bay Pavilion Regional Transit Center Project. Due to land acquisition and project design delays, the City of Carson has requested an extension of funding until June 30, 2010.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The original funds for the project are Fiscal Year 2006 and subject to lapse June 30, 2008. The supplemental funds are also subject to lapse June 30, 2008. Project readiness was one of the criteria for supplemental funds. This time extension will allow sufficient time for construction to be completed by summer 2009, with additional time provided for final invoicing and audit.

OPTIONS

The Board could disapprove the request by the City of Carson and cancel all or some of the funding commitment to the project. This option is not recommend since the Carson South Bay Pavilion Regional Transit Center is a key community facility serving the City and surrounding areas. The project delays are caused by unforeseen circumstances and not by actions of the city.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Our recommendation will have no financial impact on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Budget, as the Board already approved funding through the FY08 budget process.

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2001 Call for Projects, LACMTA approved a grant of \$1,209,000 in Proposition C 10% funds to the City of Carson for the South Bay Pavilion Regional Transit Center. Due to increased construction costs and adjustments to the design of the facility, the City applied for and received an additional \$2,866,148 in supplemental Proposition C 10% funds from the Board in January 2007.

During the design phase, it was discovered there was a major oil pipeline running underneath the proposed facility and the footprint of the facility would need to be modified to accommodate the pipeline. Furthermore, there have been property acquisition issues with the mall owner which have delayed final design, permitting and commencement of construction.

The city is nearing final design completion and has a current updated schedule of activities. Construction is scheduled to commence in May 2008.

NEXT STEPS

With Board approval of our recommendation, we will execute all necessary agreements with the City of Carson, so that all funds will lapse on June 30, 2010.

ATTACHMENT

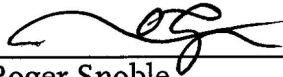
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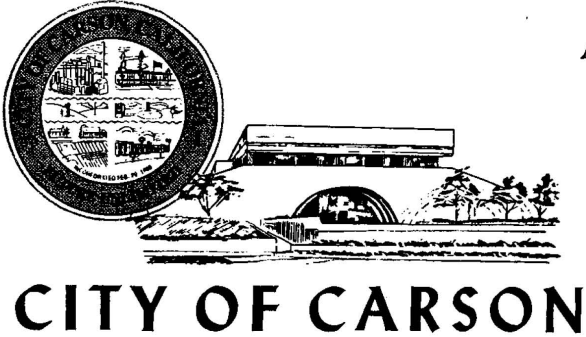


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October 2, 2007

Mr. Jay Fuhrman
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RE: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. MOU.P0008219
 Amendment No. 1
 SouthBay Pavilion Regional Transit Center

Dear Mr. Fuhrman:

In 2002, the city of Carson was awarded a Call for Projects grant to construct the SouthBay Pavilion Regional Transit Center. This important facility will connect eight Carson Circuit lines with regional Metro bus lines.

In September 2006, the city applied for additional funding for the Transit Center through Metro's Supplemental Call for Projects. The significant increase in construction costs and related materials was the reason the city requested additional funding. The Metro Board approved the additional funding at the January 25, 2007 Board meeting.

The city of Carson recently received Amendment No.1 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated May 23, 2007. We are reluctant to sign the MOU because of the expiration date of June 30, 2008. Despite our best efforts, our project has fallen behind schedule. This letter serves as a request to modify the above Amendment and change the expiration date (Part 2, Paragraph 8.1(iv) to June 30, 2010. The city of Carson is requesting the extension of time for the following reasons:

1. Delay in Project Design: As noted in earlier correspondences, the new location for the Transit Center on the south side of Del Amo Boulevard straddles several petroleum pipelines. This has required the city to redesign the transit center to avoid any construction over the pipeline easement.

The project is currently in final design, and we anticipate completing this part of the project by December 31, 2007. We have revised the schedule to show the construction completion of the project, please see new schedule below.

2. Delay in getting property title: The city of Carson has encountered delays in acquiring the title to land for the Transit Center. While the developer (Hopkins) has been supportive and very helpful with this project, part of the Transit Center property is owned by the J.C. Penney Company, Inc. They have been slow in responding, and the city recently began the process leading to condemnation actions for the property. The city anticipates acquiring the property by May 2008.

The city's revised schedule for this project is as follows:

Complete final design	December 31, 2007
Complete plan check and acquire permits	February 28, 2008
Request bids for construction	March - April, 2008
Review and Award contract	May 2008
Begin construction	May 2008
End construction	May 2009
Open Transit Center	Summer 2009

As you can see by the city's efforts, we have moved diligently to complete final design and move into the construction phase of the project. We look forward to Metro's review of our request.

Yours truly,



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