

**Motion by Director Molina
December 4, 2008**

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Angeles River Master Plan in 1996;

WHEREAS in 2005 the Los Angeles City Mayor formally endorsed the City Council's motion to develop the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP) intended to be a 25 to 50 year blueprint for implementing a variety of comprehensive improvement that would make the River one of the City's most treasured landmarks and a catalyst for a sustainable environment;

WHEREAS the expenditure plan outlined in the half-cent sales tax measure recently approved by the voters of Los Angeles County and slated to be carried out within the next 30 years includes a Metro Rail Capital- Systems Improvements to Rail Yards and Facilities.

WHEREAS the MTA Board will be considering a study of the opportunities for consolidated rail yard facilities at the December Board meeting.

WHEREAS Metro has established a working group comprised of City, County, Metro, State Parks, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to work cooperatively to identify and coordinate issues in pursuance of the goal of restoring the Los Angeles River's ecological function and transforming it into an amenity for residents and visitors to the City of Los Angeles;

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Metro Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Los Angeles that commits to the following points:

- 1. There will be no further expansion of Midway Yard other than that specified in the action before the Board today.**
- 2. Metro will be a partner with the City in pursuing a grade crossing adjacent to Midway Yard in order to provide access to the river**
- 3. Metro will engage Metrolink as a participant in the working group.**
- 4. Metro will conduct periodic outreach to the surrounding community regarding operations at Midway Yard and their collaboration on river issues.**
- 5. Metro will work with the City to actively pursue options for acquiring property for the establishment of a consolidated rail facility to meet the growing needs of the Metro rail system in Los Angeles County including the eventual relocation of the facilities at Midway Yard.**