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Second OC/LA Intercounty Transportation Study Elected Officials Workshop

On Wednesday, April 29, 2008 we partnered with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to host the second elected Officials Workshop for the OC/LA Intercounty Transportation Study, which was held at the Los Alamitos Air Base. The workshop was presided over by Chair O'Connor and OCTA's Chair Norby. More than 40 elected officials and city agency representatives attended the meeting. Also in attendance for this meeting were Director Lowenthal, OCTA Directors Brown, Moorlach, Winterbottom and both the OCTA and Metro CEOs.

The attendees discussed alternative concepts that address mobility needs across the county border. The participants worked in smaller groups and shared their consensus and comments with all the attendees. Both CEOs pledged to continue the cooperative effort to address mobility needs across the border.

Recap of the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board Meeting

Today, the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Expo) Board met at 2:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room (381B) in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

During the meeting, the Expo Board took the following actions:

- Authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to issue a notice-to-proceed for Contract Package B2B, running rail procurement, to FCI/Fluor/Parsons (FFP) in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,126,377;
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- Authorized the CEO to execute a work order in an amount of \$308,205 with Southern California Gas Company to cover relocation of previously unidentified conflicting gas lines;
- Authorized the CEO to issue a notice-to-proceed for Contract Package B2A, special trackwork procurement, to FFP in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,794,140;
- Authorized the CEO to execute a change order for final design of the Culver City aerial structure, with FFP in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,350,000;
- Authorized the CEO to increase the amount for Change Order No. 16 to the Design Build Contract, Construction Package A3 (Trench), for the additional cost of Cast in Drilled Holes (CIDH) pile construction due to excessive caving in an amount not-to-exceed \$950,000;
- Authorized the CEO to execute a Change Order with FFP to convert construction of the temporary street lighting system for Construction Package A2 to a lump sum fixed price in an amount not-to-exceed \$575,081; and
- Authorized the CEO to eliminate the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) alternative from further analysis in the DEIS/DEIR for Phase 2 of the Exposition Transit Corridor Project.

In addition, the Board Received and Filed the Monthly Report on contracts authorized by the CEO and the Monthly Phase I and Phase II Project Status Update for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project.

The next scheduled meeting will be on June 5, 2008.

Sector Governance Council Meetings Set for May

Media Relations distributed a [news release](#) today announcing scheduled May meetings of the five Metro Service Sector Governance Councils. The release encourages residence within the five community based service sectors to attend the monthly meetings and provide input on Metro Bus service within their specific sector.

Media Inquiry into the New Round of Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study Meetings

This morning, we conducted a media briefing with the Daily News regarding the new round of upcoming public meetings on the Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study. The project team has narrowed its list of 17 build alternatives to five, which

now include two Wilshire alignment heavy rail options, two combination Wilshire/Santa Monica heavy rail alignments and a Bus Rapid Transit alternative, as well as no-build and TSM alternatives. Staff has eliminated the exclusive Santa Monica alignment alternative, as well as aerial alternatives, including monorail.

A Wilshire/Santa Monica combined subway alternative that considers two segments (one station beginning at Hollywood/Highland and the other beginning at Wilshire/Western) that join in Beverly Hills would have the highest number of new boardings at more than 80,000 per day. An additional 20,000 to 30,000 new riders would be added systemwide. All of the remaining rail alternatives project significant ridership, time savings, and cost-effectiveness. The new round of public meetings will help the agency further refine its recommendation to the Board, now scheduled for late summer/early fall. The upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 5, 6, 8 and 12. The story is expected to run on Monday.

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