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Expo Line Board to Consider Environmental Recommendation

(Nov. 30, 2005) The Exposition Metro Line Authority Construction Board will meet, Thursday, to consider recommending that the LACMTA Board of Directors approve the final environmental impact statement and report for the light rail project.

The motion includes a recommendation for approval of the Locally Approved Alternative for the mid-city Westside Transit Corridor and the Exposition Line. The first phase of the project is to run from the 7th and Metro station to Culver City.

The meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at the Hall of Administration, 3rd floor, Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B.

The LACMTA Board is expected to consider certifying the final environmental documents and adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative at its Dec. 15 meeting. The Federal Transit Administration approved release of the environmental documents in October and the public review period ended Nov. 28.

The Locally Approved Alternative includes a number of design options:

- An undercrossing between Jefferson Boulevard and Trousdale Parkway on the USC campus with an option for a future USC/Exposition Park Station near Kinsey Drive on the campus;
- La Brea aerial station and grade separation;
- La Cienega station 500-space parking facility on the southeast corner of Jefferson and La Cienega on the city-owned east central interceptor sewer construction staging site;
- Jefferson Boulevard northside widening at La Cienega Boulevard;
- Jefferson Boulevard grade separation near Ballona Creek; and
- Venice/Robertson at-grade interim station located east of National Boulevard within the Metro-owned Exposition Line right-of-way.

According to a report to the Exposition Line Board, the City of Los Angeles is considering committing \$40 million toward the \$640 million project construction cost, including \$5 million for improvements to Grand Avenue at Los Angeles Trade Technical College.

On its Consent Calendar, the Exposition Line Board will consider a contract for procurement support services with TEC Management Consultants, Inc. and revisions to the Administrative Code.

