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Schedule of Meetings: The Board will conduct a Long Range Plan workshop at 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, in the Board Room. No committee meetings are scheduled this month and the Board will not hold a regular monthly meeting in August.

July Board Actions Included Call for Projects Funding, Joint Development

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(Aug. 2, 2007) Working against a full agenda in July, the Metro Board approved a number of items of interest to employees, including funding for the 2007 Countywide Call for Projects, the first in six years.

Other approved motions involved a joint development project near the Wilshire/Vermont station, repairs to the Metro Gold Line Chinatown station, advertising on buses and rail cars and a study of gating in the Metro Rail System.

The following are among the items the Board approved at its July meeting:

Item 9, Transit Fund Allocations. The Board approved a motion to distribute \$1.26 billion in FY 2008 Transit Fund Allocations for use by a number of cities and transit operators in LA County, as well as for Metro operations.

The funding comes from the state's Transportation Development Act, Proposition A and C, and from the Federal Transit Act Urban Formula capital funds.

Item 11, 2007 Call for Projects Funding. The Board approved a multi-part motion that ensures some \$619 million in funding for previous Call for Projects commitments for various locally sponsored arterial, signal, bikeway, pedestrian, transportation demand management and transportation enhancement projects throughout LA County. The approved motion included a \$13 million funding commitment for the I-405 northbound HOV lane to fill a funding gap in the project.

Item 12, Wilshire Development. Metro and the United Commercial

Food Workers Union (UFCW) own side-by-side properties across from the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Rail station. The Board approved a motion authorizing the CEO to negotiate with the UFCW to jointly develop the 2.11-acre site.

Located at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Shatto Place, the two properties will be jointly offered to prospective developers. Metro's 1.09 acres currently are used for bus parking and as a layover zone. The UFCW's office building and another building, along with employee parking lots, currently occupy the union's 1.02 acres.

Item 21, Homeland Security Grant. The California Office of Homeland Security recently awarded a \$3.14 million grant to Metro for transit security. The Board approved a motion that adds the grant funding to Metro's FY 2008 budget.

The grant will help upgrade bus and rail security by providing additional protection of subway tunnels and tracks from IEDs (improvised explosive devices); extra perimeter security at bus divisions and facilities; and development of enhanced training and awareness among area transit systems.

Item 32, Chinatown Station Repairs. The Board approved a motion authorizing the CEO to award a not-to-exceed \$640,000 contract to Brutoco Engineering & Construction for final design and repair of three cracked concrete "shear keys" at the Metro Gold Line Chinatown station.

The concrete shear keys, part of the support system for the above-ground station, help prevent movement during an earthquake. Temporary netting was placed beneath the aerial structure to catch falling concrete. To determine the cause of the cracking and design appropriate repairs, broken concrete will be removed to verify the size and location of reinforcing steel bars.

Repairs are needed to reduce further damage to the station and to restore full structural integrity of the guideway in the event of a major earthquake.

Item 43, 2007 Call for Projects. The Board approved a motion to program \$454.52 million for 169 projects in eight modal categories for the 2007 Countywide Call for Projects, including \$8.15 million in FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 Supplemental Call funding. The motion also approved advancing \$5 million from the FY 2009 Call for Projects to the FY 2007 Call for Projects for FY 2010-2013. Those funds would finance intersection improvements in the City of South Gate.

Item 47, Advertising on Buses. The Board approved a motion awarding a five-year firm, fixed-price revenue contract with three one-year options to CBS Outdoor Group, Inc. to sell and display advertising on Metro buses.

The contract includes standard exterior and interior ads, enhanced tail ads and exterior ad wraps. Metro expects to realize \$122.6 million in revenue from the contract.

Item 48, Advertising on Rail Cars. The Board approved a motion awarding a five-year firm, fixed-price revenue contract with three one-year options to CBS Outdoor Group, Inc. to sell and display advertising on Metro Rail cars.

The contract includes standard exterior ads, ads in interior rail car frames and car wraps. It also includes subway station advertising on surfaces such as walls and columns, as well as in back-lit display cases. Metro would realize \$11.6 million in revenue from the contract.

Item 53, Metro Rail Gating Study. The Board approved a motion to establish a \$999,663 life-of-project budget for an analysis by the Booz Allen Hamilton consulting firm of proposed Universal Fare System/TAP barrier gates for the Metro Rail System.

The motion included a requirement for “a finalized scope of work for gating the Metro Rail System and deploying new distance-based fare initiatives....” The scope of work also is to include transit security improvements based on Metro’s risk-based Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan and the Regional Transit Security Strategy.