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Board Approves 62 as Qualifying Age for Discounted Senior Cash Fares, Passes

- Board OKs Draft of 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan for Public Comment

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(Jan. 29, 2008) During its Jan. 24 meeting, the Metro Board standardized the age for discounted senior fares, approved a draft of the 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan for public comment and voted for an energy conservation project at the Metro Support Services Center (MSSC).

The Board continued for further analysis a decision on awarding a contract for gating Metro Rail stations and adopting a proposed fare policy.

Item 16, Qualifying Age for Senior Discounts

The Board approved a motion to standardize 62 as the qualifying age for all discounted senior cash fares and passes. In some cases 65 had been used as the age for senior fares.

The Board carried over adoption of a proposed fare policy.

Item 30, Gating Metro Rail Stations

The Board carried over for additional analysis the recommendation by the Executive Management and Audit Committee and the Operations Committee that the CEO execute agreements with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. to design and build station modifications for gating some Metro Rail stations.

The proposed agreements would have relocated existing stand-alone validators and included associated civil engineering work and maintenance for the gating systems.

Item 50, Solar Energy Generation at Metro Support Services Center

The Board approved an 11-year public/private partnership agreement with Chevron Energy Solutions to design, build and provide maintenance oversight of an energy conservation project at the Metro Support Services Center.

The life-of-project budget would be slightly more than \$21 million. Chevron would construct a photovoltaic solar panel roof system and

install more energy efficient equipment.

This would include new lighting equipment, state-of-the-art lighting controls and energy management systems. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning would be replaced and compressed air systems would be optimized.

The Board also approved a staff recommendation to add one facilities support technician for maintenance and operation of the future solar panels and energy conservation equipment at the MSSC, as well as the solar panel systems previously installed at Divisions 8, 15 and 18.

Staff estimated the generation and conservation elements of the contract would reduce the MSSC's electricity bills from \$1,093,839 to approximately \$550,000 per year.

The Board also directed County Counsel to review the contract with Chevron Energy Solutions and report back.

Item 54, Approved Circulation of Draft Long Range Transportation Plan

The Board approved a staff recommendation that the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan be approved for circulation for comment. The Board deferred adoption of the final plan until June 2008.

Beginning Mar. 12, the draft plan will be released for a 45-day public review.

Looking to future public/private partnerships, the Board approved a motion to instruct Metro staff to develop standards for acceptable public/private partnership funding commitments and bring this back to the full Board in 60 days.