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Metro Board Approves Consulting Contract to Help Identify Viable Projects for Public-Private Partnerships

In a continuing effort to deliver essential transit and highway transportation projects to Los Angeles County during tough economic times, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Board of Directors April 23 approved award of a public-private partnership consulting services contract to InfraConsult LLC. The task is to help the agency identify, from its Long Range Transportation Plan, viable transportation projects that could be the best candidates for public-private partnerships.

Public-private partnerships (PPPs) are being increasingly used by transit agencies as a promising financing and procurement tool for managing infrastructure costs. For example in the Midwest, the toll road system in Indiana and the Chicago Skyway have been leased to private sector companies. In Virginia, toll road revenues were used to finance a subway extension to Dulles Airport. At Metro, PPPs were used successfully to create Metro's compressed natural gas fueling facilities and to install the nation's largest solar panel system at a transit facility at Metro's Support Services Center in downtown Los Angeles. That project is expected to cut the facility's annual \$1.1 million energy bill in half.

InfraConsult LLC will supply strategy development and technical and financial services. It will identify transit and/or highway projects for Board consideration and potential implementation. And it will help develop Metro's PPP organizational structure and business plan.

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Editors Note: "Metro" should be used when referring to this agency.