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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR CANOGA STATION/PARK-AND-RIDE PROJECT

ACTION: APPROVE LIFE OF PROJECT BUDGET FOR CANOGA STATION/PARK-AND-RIDE AND AUTHORIZE RELATED ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the following actions:

- A. Transfer the previously authorized \$16,500,000 allowance from Metro Orange Line Project Budget (800112) to Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride Project Budget (800117).
- B. Approve funding of \$8,500,000 in local Proposition C 10% funds for eligible project costs for the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride Facility.
- C. Authorize Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement **with the to secure funding of \$1,000,000 from City of Los Angeles to fully fund the Canoga Avenue widening Warner Center Transportation Demand Management and Traffic Mitigation Restitution Trust Fund.**
- D. Adopt the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride life of project budget of \$26,000,000.

ISSUE

In February 2003, the Board adopted the life of project budget for the Metro Orange Line Project, which included a \$16.5 million allowance for park-and-ride spaces and an additional on-street station at Warner Center. This allowance did not include real estate costs, as the concept at that time was to add floors to a proposed private parking structure at a nearby shopping mall under a lease arrangement. This allowance also did not include an approximately one-third-mile extension of the busway.

In February 2004, the Board approved the development of the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride instead of a park-and-ride facility at Warner Center. Because of this change, an additional \$8.5 million is required for real estate and busway extension costs that include acquisition of

property for the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride, beyond the \$16.5 million initial allowance. There are insufficient funds in the Metro Orange Line Project contingency to absorb this additional cost. **Funding for the Canoga Avenue widening will come from the City of Los Angeles.** ~~An additional \$1.0 million is coming from the City of Los Angeles Warner Center Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Traffic Mitigation Restitution Trust Fund for the Canoga Avenue widening scope of work to be performed as part of proposed new Construction Contract C0739.~~ Staff is recommending adoption of a life of project budget that includes all the funding elements that provide a total project cost of \$26.0 million.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The allocation of funding to complete the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride complies with the project scope as the Board of Directors has redefined and was environmentally evaluated and approved in the Addendum/Modified Initial Studies to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) in February 2004 and January 2005.

OPTIONS

The Board could choose not to adopt the recommended life of project budget at this time. In that event, it would not be possible to build the Canoga Station/Park and Ride as currently environmentally cleared. As the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has purchased the Boeing site and already owns the North Parking Lot site, the Board could choose to defer the project to a future date. This is not recommended, as many potential users of the Orange Line from the western San Fernando Valley may not use this system if adequate parking is not readily available.

The Board also could choose to authorize completion of the busway extension, station and only the parking on the Boeing site while canceling or deferring construction of the North Parking Lot. This would result in reducing available parking from approximately 839 spaces to approximately 590 spaces and save approximately \$1.0 million in construction costs. This is not recommended because the North Parking Lot could be most economically constructed concurrently with the other project elements concurrently as part of construction Contract C0739 - Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The local funding proposed in action B of the recommendation would include Proposition C 10% bond funds, which may be used for commuter rail, transit centers, park-and-ride lots and freeway bus stops. Sufficient capacity exists to use Proposition C 10% funds and not impact existing policy parameters or annual cash allocations of Proposition C 10% funds.

In September 2004, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation was authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with us to widen Canoga Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$1.0 million. **Additional funding will be required from the City of Los Angeles to complete the scope of the proposed work.** ~~This additional \$1.0 million is coming from the~~

~~Warner Center Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Traffic Mitigation Restitution Trust Fund.~~ Staff will work with the City to ensure receipt of the funding.

This recommendation would establish the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride Project as a capital project with a life of project budget of \$26 million. There is no impact to our FY05 Budget, as costs are budgeted currently in Project #800112, Metro Orange Line. These expenditures and revenues will be transferred to the new Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride Project before FY 06. As this is a multi-year project, the project manager will be responsible for budgeting needed amounts in future years.

DISCUSSION

The original parking concept proved to be infeasible and staff studied numerous other options. In February 2004, the Board adopted a different alternative that included: (a) the acquisition of an approximately 3.8 acre site owned by the Boeing Company (Boeing site); (b) an approximately one-third mile extension of the busway, bicycle/pedestrian paths and landscaping; (c) a new full-featured station; and (d) development of the new surface park and ride spaces, including the lot on the Boeing site. In January 2005, the Board approved supplementing the parking on the Boeing site with additional spaces at the North Parking Lot (northeast corner of Canoga and Vanowen) thus increasing the total number of parking spaces to approximately 839 spaces. This act finalized the current scope of the project.

The current cost estimate for the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride and related improvements exceeds the original allowance of \$16.5 million. There is insufficient contingency remaining in the Orange Line project budget to cover an increase to the original allowance and properly provide for completion of the busway project including contract closeout. Because real estate costs were not included in the original allowance, as well as the busway extension costs, supplemental funding of \$8.5 million is required.

The widening of Canoga Avenue will include signal improvements, striping, and street lighting relocations, and work will be performed with the development of the Orange Line Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride. ~~The widening will be budgeted at an amount not to exceed \$1.0 million. This additional \$1.0 million will come from the Warner Center Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Traffic Mitigation Restitution Trust Fund.~~ More specifically, the Canoga Avenue widening scope of work will be performed as part of the proposed new Construction Contract C0739, Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride, **subject to the City of Los Angeles funding the proposed work.**


NEXT STEPS

If the life of project budget is approved for the Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride real estate costs, we expect to advertise a request for bids for construction of the facility within the next few months.

ATTACHMENT

A. Funding/Expenditure Plan


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Attachment A

**Canoga Station/Park-and-Ride
Funding/Expenditure Plan
(\$000)**

	FY04	FY05	FY06	TOTAL	% of Total
Uses of Funds					
Stations/Guideway	25	362	13,799	14,186	54.6%
Special Conditions	74	376	349	799	3.1%
Right-of-Way	18	6,186	0	6,204	23.9%
Professional Services	451	1,072	1,244	2,767	10.6%
Project Contingency	0	4	2,040	2,044	7.9%
Total Project Cost	568	8,000	17,432	26,000	100.0%
Sources of Funds					
Prop C 10%	568	8,000	16,432	25,000	96.2%
City of Los Angeles - Warner Center Transportation Demand Management and Traffic Mitigation Restitution			1,000	1,000	3.8%
Total Project Funding	568	8,000	17,432	26,000	100.0%

Notes:

1. Allowance of \$16.5 million was included in Board adoption of \$329.5 million Metro Orange Line Project (800112) in February 2003.
2. Costs for Canoga Station incurred through FY 2005 under Project 800112 will be transferred in July 2005 to Project 800117.
3. **Estimated City of Los Angeles funding to be increased as required to fully fund the cost of the Canoga Avenue widening.**