



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MARCH 17, 2005**

SUBJECT: CALSTATE AND LA COUNTY USC BUSWAY STATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

ACTION: APPROVE INCREASE TO THE LIFE OF PROJECT BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Increase the Life of Project for the CalState and LA County/USC Busway Station Enhancement Project (CP# 202011) by \$820,500, increasing the Life of Project Budget from \$1,430,900 to \$2,251,400.

RATIONALE

The Cal State and LA County USC Busway Station Enhancement Life of Project (LOP) budget of \$1,430,900 was approved by the Board at the time of FY05 budget approval in June 2004. The original scope of work, which is funded by FHWA/CalTrans grants, included complete renovation of two El Monte Busway Stations (CalState LA and LA County/USC Hospital). The proposed renovation activities included painting, tiling, replacement of lighting, upgrading of landscaping and benches, new signage and map cases, ADA upgrades, and renovation of both pedestrian bridges. Design activities for this project were completed in July 2003. At present, the project has been bid three separate times in an attempt to solicit lower bids and increased competition, and in all cases the cost bids from the lowest successful bidders were higher than originally budgeted. These cost increases are attributed to recent and severe escalations in construction materials and services. Award of the construction contract to the lowest bidding contractor is pending approval of this LOP request.

During design activities for the enhancement project, it was discovered that the elevator systems at both busway stations also required extensive renovation. The three elevators are all over 20 years old, in poor condition, and require extensive maintenance to remain operational. Construction documents and designs for the elevator renovations were completed in July 2004, and award to the lowest bidding contractor is pending approval of this LOP request.

Due to the addition of elevator renovations to the scope of the project, and the increase in construction costs, the LOP must now be revised to reflect the actual funding required to complete the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This action will amend the Life of Project by \$820,500, resulting in an increase from \$1,430,900 to \$2,251,400. The funds for this project will be local funds programmed as part of the FY06 capital allocation process.

The funds will be budgeted in the FY06 budget in CP #202011 Cal State and LA County/USC Busway Station Enhancement Project in Cost Center 3341.

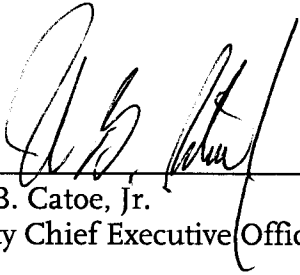
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board of Directors may choose not to authorize an increase to the Life of Project budget for this project. This alternative is not recommended, since rejection of the LOP increase would prohibit award of the construction contracts for busway station renovation and elevator modernization.

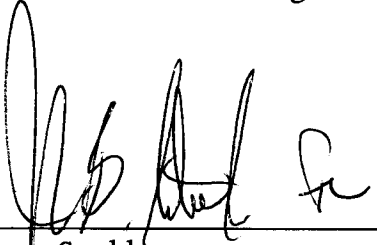
ATTACHMENTS

- A. CalState and LA County/USC Busway Station Enhancement: Life of Project Budget Status

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ATTACHMENT A

Expenses	Plan to Date Expenditures	Encumbrance	Balance of Project Costs	Total Forecasted Expenditures	Board Approved Life of Project Budget	Over/(Under) budget
Acquisitions	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,178,400	\$ (521,600)
Services	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 386,600	\$ -	\$ 386,600	\$ 393,900	\$ 250,000	\$ (143,900)
Contingency (9%)				\$ 155,000		\$ (155,000)
Total	\$ 391,900	\$ -	\$ 391,900	\$ 2,251,400	\$ 1,430,900	\$ (820,500)

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