

METRO CONNECTIONS UPDATE

Service Development Department
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BACKGROUND

- On-going project now entering the planning phase.
- Development of a master plan for restructuring Metro Bus system.
- Guide future service changes and capital planning efforts.
- Goals are increasing ridership and improving efficiency
- Implemented through the service change process

APPROACH

- Collaborative process with Sectors and Municipal operators, and other stakeholders.
- Looking at a series of service overlays
 - Express
 - Rapid/Tier 1 Local
 - Tier 2 Local and shuttles
 - Downtown Circulation Element
- Integrating regional and sector planning efforts into unified Network Master Plan
- Final refinement and implementation through service change process.



KEY ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

- Network Master Plan..... May 2006
- Capital/Facilities.....November 2006
- Implement Pilot Program December 2006
- Resource Plan..... January 2007
- Marketing/Communications..... On-going thru 2007
- Implementation Plan..... April 2007
- Full Implementation June 2007 - June 2009

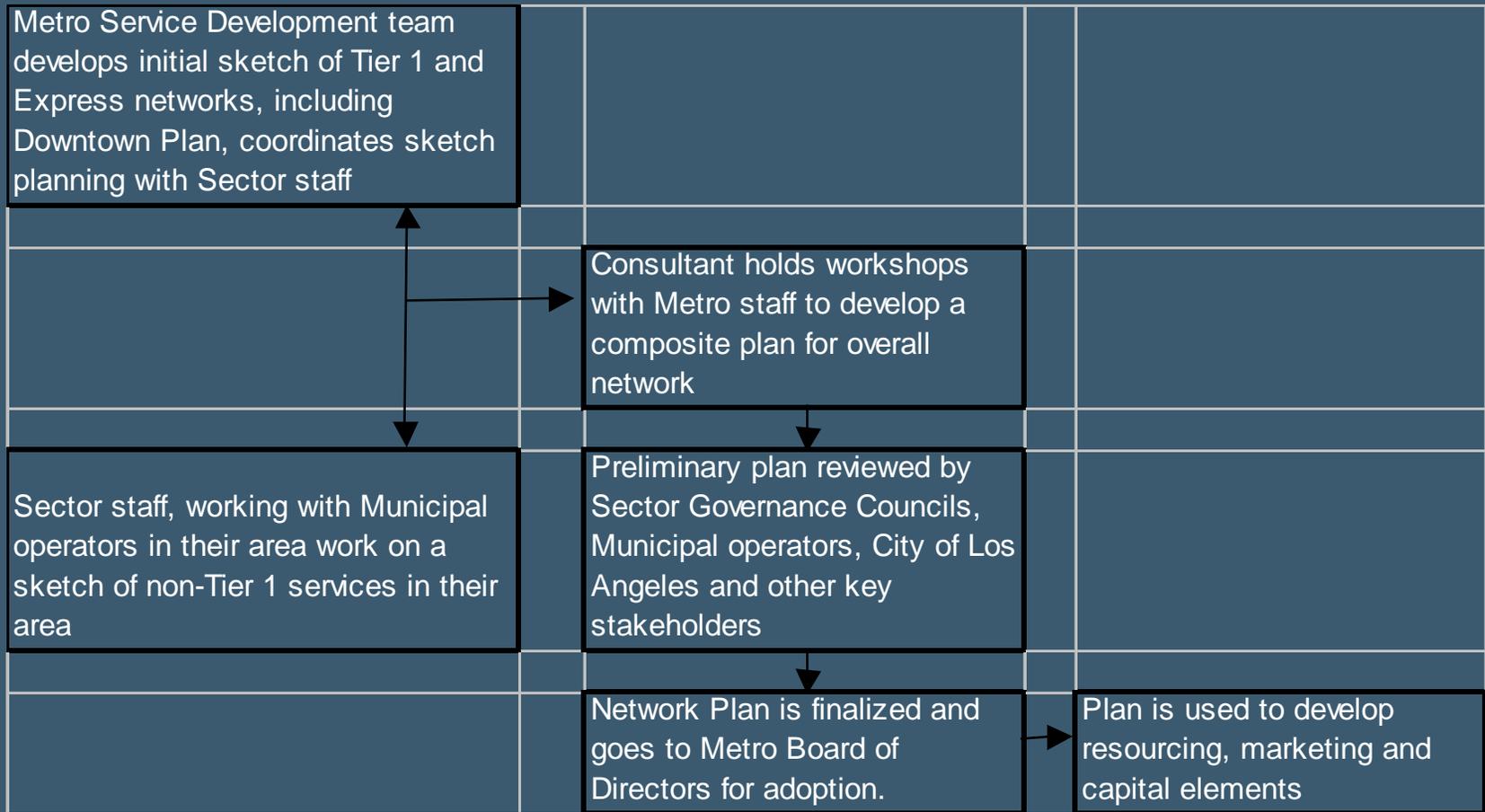
RIDERSHIP STRATEGIES

- **Make transit more attractive**
 - improve span and frequencies in major corridors
 - increase Rapid and Express services
 - coordinate services
- **Simplify service and make it user friendly (fares, routings and public information)**
- **Improve connectivity (Metro Link, Metro Rail, Municipal operators etc.)**
- **Focus on multiple activity centers**

EFFICIENCY STRATEGIES

- Improve Downtown service coverage
- Increase speed
 - revisit stop spacing, time points and running times
 - increase transit priority treatments (bus lanes, signalization and queue jumpers)
- Better utilization of rail system
- Shorten and streamline bus routes
- Move underutilized seating capacity to areas of high demand

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



CURRENT STATUS

- Preliminary proposals developed for Tier 1 routes, Express service and Downtown service concept.
- Initial proposals reviewed with Sector Staff.
- Sectors are developing proposals for local service.
- Consultant hired to facilitate development of composite plan.
- Project communication plan being developed.

NEXT STEPS

January - February 2006

- Consultant kick off meeting with the Sectors on developing the composite plan.
- Sectors develop initial proposals for local service plans (February).
- Meet with LA DOT on Downtown service.

March – April 2006

- Workshops with the sectors to develop composite network plan.

April - May 2006

- Stakeholder review of draft network plan

NEXT STEPS (CONT'D)

May-September 2007

- Metro Board adopts Network Master Plan
- Work on Resource Master Plan begins
- Develop a Metro Connections Pilot Program for implementation in December 2006.

October-January 2007

- Finalize resource plan – schedules, equipment needs etc.