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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT ON ISSUANCE OF REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PHASE 2 OF THE MID-
CITY/EXPOSITION LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File this report regarding issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for procurement of a consultant to perform alternatives analysis, environmental studies and preliminary engineering for Phase 2 of the Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit Project.

SUMMARY

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Authority) has responsibility for planning and construction of the entire Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit Project from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board has programmed \$15 Million over the next three fiscal years for environmental studies and preliminary engineering of Phase 2 of the Project from Culver City to Santa Monica. Performing these studies within that time period will require use of consultant services. An RFP has been prepared and is ready for issuance to obtain those services. The content of that RFP and schedules for the procurement of the required services and the work program are discussed in this report.

DISCUSSION

Senate Bill 504 established the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority for the purpose of completing the Los Angeles-Exposition Metro Line Light Rail

Project from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. Toward that end, the Authority was given all necessary powers to plan, design and build the project.

The Metro Board has established a budget of \$15 Million over the next three fiscal years, beginning July 1, 2006, for performing the environmental studies and preliminary engineering required to advance Phase 2 of the project to a state of readiness to enter into final design and construction and to obtain funding necessary to complete the project. Metro and the Authority have agreed to work together to complete the required environmental studies and preliminary engineering and are establishing an organizational structure for that purpose. The organizational structure will maintain the Authority's statutory responsibility for overall implementation of the project while assuring Metro a major role in the environmental planning.

Since neither the Authority nor Metro have sufficient staff resources to perform the required alternatives analysis, environmental studies and preliminary engineering within the desired time frame, it is necessary to obtain consultant services for the performance of these activities. To maximize efficiency and minimize cost, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority and Metro to obtain the required consultant services by issuing a single RFP including all the required scope of work. Consequently, an RFP has been developed jointly by the Authority and Metro that includes all the consultant services required.

The proposed RFP has been structured in three phases or stages, each with a separate Notice to Proceed, to ensure an orderly flow of work consistent with federal requirements and performance incentives. Stage 1 consists of the alternatives analysis and preparation of the Draft EIS/EIR. Stage 2 consists of preliminary engineering and preparation of the Final EIS/EIR. Stage 3 will be an option for design services during construction to provide continuity from preliminary engineering into final design by having the preliminary engineering consultant involved in the review of submittals from the Design-Build Contractor.

The proposed schedule for the consultant procurement process is:

- Issuance of RFP August 4, 2006
- Receipt of Proposals September 26, 2006
- Selection of Consultant October 14, 2006
- Award of Contract November 9, 2006

The proposed schedule for the environmental process is:

Stage 1

- Public Scoping Meetings January 2007
- Submittal of AA/DEIS to FTA September 2007
- Public Comment Period January/February 2008
- Board Adoption of LPA March 2008

Stage 2

- FTA Approval to Enter PE May 2008
- Submittal of FEIS/FEIR to FTA December 2008
- Public Circulation Period April 2009
- Board Certification of FEIS/FEIR May 2009
- Record of Decision from FTA July 2009

Stage 3 of the consultant contract will be initiated upon award of the Design-Build contract for Phase 2 and only if the option is exercised.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is available funding in the FY07 Metro Budget to cover the costs of the procurement process and the FY07 portion of the consultant work program.

NEXT STEPS

The CEO will issue the RFP with proposals due on September 19, 2006. Proposals will be evaluated using multiple panels of outside evaluators and a recommendation for selection will be brought back to the Board in October.

ATTACHMENTS

None