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August 3, 2006 – 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors**

**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B**

Called to Order at 2:40 p.m.

Directors Present:

Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Jan Perry, Vice Chair
Alan Corlin
Pam O'Connor
Bernard C. Parks
Herb Wesson, Jr.
Zev Yaroslavsky

Officers:

Richard D. Thorpe, Chief Executive Officer
Juanita Carey, Clerk of the Board
Robert Pearman, Deputy General Counsel

1. Called to Order at 2:40 p.m.
2. Roll Called
3. **APPROVED** Minutes of meeting held July 6, 2006

The vote was unanimous.

4. **RECEIVED** Public Comment (On/Off Agenda)

Robert Pearman, Deputy General Counsel, informed the Board that Mr. Thorpe would not be the presenter on Items 5.d. and 6.a on behalf of the Authority because Mr. Thorpe receives compensation from Metro and is also a party to the agreements in those items.

5. **APPROVED** on Consent Calendar

- a. Monthly Contract Actions
- b. Travel and Expense Policy
- c. Conflict of Interest Code
- d. Memorandum of Understanding Revision

The vote was unanimous.

6. General Board Action Item(s)

Mr. Stephen Polechronis, Interim Chief Project Officer, presented Item 6.a, Master Cooperative Agreement between the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Authority).

- a. **APPROVED** the Master Cooperative Agreement between the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), and the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Authority).

The vote was unanimous.

7. General Board Discussion Item(s)

- a. **RECEIVED** the Monthly Project Status Update

Mr. Polechronis gave an oral presentation of the Monthly Project Status Update.

In August, 2006, the Urban Design Committee will have its fourth meeting. Authority staff will be taking the Committee on a tour of the Metro Orange

Line.

The construction package for the Flower Street improvements should be completed between August 18th and August 23rd. Staff will bring that action back to the Board for approval in September, 2006.

Staff will finalize the Annual Work Plan with the City of Los Angeles and will bring that action back to the Board for approval in September, 2006.

b. **APPROVED** the Receive and File Report on the Jobs Program

Mr. Thorpe stated that at its last Board Meeting, Director Perry asked that staff invite the contractor to the next Board Meeting to provide more information on the Jobs Program. Mr. Thorpe introduced Ray Hughes, Project Manager of FFP, Joint Venture, to give an update on the status of the Jobs Program.

Mr. Hughes introduced Ms. Adrienne Gardner as the Community Outreach Manager for the Project. Mr. Hughes gave an oral presentation of the Jobs Program Plan. He mentioned that a Construction Jobs Fair will take place on August 17, 2006, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. He also mentioned that Tori Hill has been hired as the Jobs Coordinator for the project and will be starting after the first of the month.

Genetha Eddins, Government/Community Relations Manager, stated that the Authority and FFP have developed a six week High School Internship Program and have hired two students that attend high schools adjacent to the right-of-way.

Ms. Eddins introduced the new interns, Kenneth Blackmon who attends Orthopedic Medical Magnate High School, and Maria Rodriguez who attends Hamilton High School.

Mr. Hughes stated that Ms. Gardner is establishing a database to track vendors that are used and located within the corridor. Participation of local businesses and DBEs will be tracked throughout the duration of the project.

Director Perry asked that a mass mailing be undertaken and a mini workshop be scheduled along the corridor to speak with business owners to enlighten them on how to become a certified DBE.

c. **APPROVED** the Receive and File Report on the Issuance of Phase 2 Consultant Support

Mr. Thorpe stated that the Request for Proposals that the Authority is planning to issue will be broken up into three areas.

1. Phase 1 will be the scoping process, the definition and the draft environmental document that will result in the Board and Metro adopting a locally preferred alternative.
2. Phase 2 will be the Final Environmental Impact Report as well as preliminary engineering that will require certification by the Authority and Metro and will culminate in a Record of Decision by the Federal Transit Administration.
3. Phase 3, an optional phase, will enable the selected firm to provide support services during design and construction of the project. The Authority would need staff support similar to what DMJM is providing in Phase 1.

The Authority should be receiving the Requests for Proposals in late September, 2006 for evaluation, and will bring the recommendation of the number one ranked firm to the Board for approval in November, 2006.

8. CEO Comments

Mr. Thorpe reminded the Board that the Expo Groundbreaking Ceremony for Phase 1 of the Project is scheduled on Friday, September 29th at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Thorpe gave a recap of some of the accomplishments attained over the year since the creation of the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority.

9. Board Member Comments

None

Madam Chair acknowledged Nancy Smith's request to speak on Item 10.

Nancy Smith of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP, thanked the Board for the selection of the Nossaman firm and expressed her appreciation of the Board's and the Authority's desire to negotiate alternative arrangements for general counsel with Nossaman.

Robert Pearman, Deputy General Counsel, made a motion to go into closed session under Public Employment – G.C. 54957, Legal Counsel Interviews and Personnel Matters - Public Employee Employment of the Chief Executive Officer Contract.

10. Recessed to Closed Session at 3:35 p.m.

a. Public Employment – G.C. 54957

Legal Counsel Interviews – Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP.

Action Taken

The Board approved the appointment of George Joseph as General Counsel to replace Nancy Smith.

The vote was unanimous with all Board Members present.

b. Personnel Matters – G.C. 54957

Public Employee Employment

Chief Executive Officer

Action Taken

The Board approved the Chief Executive Officer's Contract.

The vote was unanimous with all Board Members present.

11. Reconvened to Regular Board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Robert Pearman announced that the Board approved Richard D. Thorpe, Chief Executive Officer's contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Juanita Carey
Clerk of the Board