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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM: RICHARD D. THORPE
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**ACTION: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO CONTRACT NO. 1-06
AUTHORIZING FCI/FLUOR/PARSONS TO INITIATE DESIGN
FOR THE PROPOSED USC/EXPO PARK STATION IN AN
AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$450,000 WHICH INCLUDES
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY PREMIUMS ASSOCIATED WITH
THE ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. Approve Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1-06 in an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000, authorizing FCI/Fluor/Parsons, JV (FFP), to proceed with a portion of design for the proposed USC/Expo Park Station; and
- B. Authorize the CEO, upon execution of Change Order No. 3, to issue a Notice-to-Proceed for the initial design services associated with the USC/Expo Park Station and related activities.

SUMMARY

Under the terms of the Design-Build Contract (No. 1-06), the Contractor must not preclude the inclusion and location of an optional at-grade station at the USC/Exposition location near Trousdale Parkway. In order to minimize cost and schedule impacts on the Phase 1 Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, the Authority is requesting authorization to move forward with a portion of the design. The Authority has conducted scoping meetings and price negotiations with FFP for the design work associated with the inclusion of the optional station into the design of the Phase 1 LRT project. The proposed price for the initial portion of the work, is for an amount not-to-exceed

\$450,000. Assuming the immediate authorization of the design work described herein, there is no immediate impact on the overall project schedule.

DISCUSSION

During development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Phase 1 LRT project and, subsequently, the associated Performance Specifications under Contract No. 1-06, the Authority established a requirement that FFP shall not preclude the inclusion and location of an optional USC/Expo Park station into its overall design of the Phase 1 LRT project. The optional USC/Expo Park station would be located in the center of Exposition Boulevard, west of Kinsey Drive, and east of Trousdale Parkway. The at-grade station platform is required to fit within the Exposition Boulevard median, as developed in the baseline scope.

It should be noted that the existing Phase 1 LRT project design provides two stations to service the greater USC/Exposition Park community. However, the USC/Expo Park station would complement the existing stations by providing enhanced access for special events at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Sports Arena, and providing better transit access for area museums and other venues in the eastern portion of Exposition Park.

So, in order to minimize cost and schedule impacts on the Phase 1 LRT project, the Authority is requesting authorization to move forward on the initial design of the optional USC/Expo Park station. The Authority has conducted scoping meetings and preliminary negotiations for the design work. FFP submitted a cost proposal for Design Services associated with the work.

Additionally, FFP notified the Authority that the increase in the exposure amount for Design Services will require a commensurate increase in the insurance premium for the established professional liability coverage.

Since the total design and construction cost is anticipated to cost \$5 to \$6 million beyond what is in the current budget, staff is recommending that only the design work necessary to make sure the station can be constructed at a future date be done at this time. Staff has estimated this portion of work to cost approximately \$450,000. Should funding become available to complete the design and construction, staff would return to the Board with recommendations on how best to add this work at a later date.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

When the Metro Board adopted the FEIS/FEIR, it adopted the project with an optional station at Trousdale which would be constructed if funding became available to pay for the cost of this station. Funding for this station has not yet

been identified; however, in order not to preclude the station be added at a future date, funding for this initial design change order needs to be approved and would have to be advanced from the Expo Project Contingency. Since the cost for the design of this station is beyond the scope of the baseline project and the \$640 million project budget, the Authority will seek reimbursement of these funds from outside sources, including those stakeholders who will benefit from this additional station.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will finalize negotiations with FFP for design and professional services associated with the initial portion of the design of an at-grade USC/Expo Park station at Trousdale, issuance of a Notice-to-Proceed for the design work, and a change order to accommodate the additional insurance cost. If funding for the remaining design and construction is identified by the Authority, staff will return to the Board for further recommendations to complete the work.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None