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January 11, 2007 – 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 2:45 p.m.

Directors Present:

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

Officers:

Richard D. Thorpe, Chief Executive Officer
Juanita Carey, Clerk of the Board
George Joseph, General Counsel

1. Called to Order at 2:45 p.m.

The Chair announced that a discussion will take place later in the meeting as to whether there will be a February Board Meeting.

2. Roll Called

3. **APPROVED** Minutes of meeting held December 14, 2006

The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Simmons, representing Expo Communities United, requested that the Board redirect Authority staff to provide responses to the 15 questions that were submitted at the December Board meeting.

The Chair stated that the design team would schedule a public meeting to answer questions raised related to the tributary. The Chair also stated that the Authority would provide Expo Communities United with an analysis of all the accidents that have occurred on the Blue Line.

Mr. Goodman, a resident of Leimert Park, requested responses to the two questions submitted at the December Board meeting. The Chair asked Mr. Goodman to provide a written summary of his proposal comparing the costs of boring versus cut and cover construction, and requested Authority staff analyze his proposal.

5. **APPROVED** on Consent Calendar

- a. Monthly Report on Contract Actions

- b. FY07 City of Los Angeles Annual Work Plan in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,713,297 (inclusive of \$1,300,000 previously authorized by the Board), contingent upon Board approval of the Phase 1 FY07 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (Item 6b); and **authorized** the CEO to execute the Annual Work Plan, or substantially the same, on behalf of the Authority, contingent upon Board approval of the Phase 1 FY07 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (Item 6b).

- c. FY07 Caltrans Annual work Plan in an amount not-to-exceed \$650,000 (inclusive of \$260,000 previously authorized by the CEO and the Board, contingent upon Board approval of the Phase 1 FY07 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment, Item (6b); and **authorized** the CEO to execute the FY07 Caltrans Annual Work Plan, or substantially the same, on behalf of the Authority, contingent upon Board approval of the Phase 1 FY07 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment, Item (6b).

The vote was unanimous.

6. General Board Action Item(s)

- a. **APPROVED** the CEO recommendation for Phase 1 Project Budget Revision

The vote was unanimous.

- b. **APPROVED** the CEO recommendation to adopt the Phase 1 FY07 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

The vote was unanimous.

- c. **APPROVED** the CEO recommendation to adopt the Phase 2 FY07 Budget, contingent upon the Metro Board amending their FY07 Budget for Phase 2.

The vote was unanimous.

- d. **APPROVED** the CEO recommendation for the Phase 2 FY07 Staffing Plan.

The vote was unanimous.

- e. **APPROVED** the CEO recommendation to adopt the Proposed Urban Station Design Policy, **amended** by Director Parks, with clarifying language by Director Yaroslavsky. Director Corlin supported Director Park's motion with the understanding that it only referenced the 23rd Street Station, Jefferson Station, Vermont Station and the Trousdale Station.

The vote was unanimous.

- f. **AUTHORIZED** the CEO to issue a Notice-to-Proceed for Long Lead Time Elements of Contract Package A(2), Sanitary Sewer Line to Flatiron/Fluor/Parsons (FFP), in an amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.

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 and the Jobs Program Update.

Mr. Polechronis concluded that it was his last appearance before the Board as the Interim Chief Project Officer and would begin his new role as the Project Manager for the Phase 2 Environmental Study for the DMJM team. He thanked the Board for its guidance and assistance over the past several months.

8. CEO Comments

Mr. Thorpe acknowledged that Mr. Polechronis has been very instrumental in keeping the project moving forward on the technical side over the past six months, and thanked him for all of his help. He commented that negotiations were concluded with the candidate for the permanent Chief Project Officer, subject to final acceptance, and at the next Board Meeting, the Authority may have a permanent new Chief Project Officer in place to fulfill Mr. Polechronis' duties.

Mr. Thorpe informed the Board that he would be out of the country in February and requested that the February Board meeting be cancelled. He stated that there were no major issues at this time, and would like to resume the next regular Board Meeting on March 1, 2007. If there were any issue(s) that needed Board approval in February, the Board will be notified and a meeting notice will be sent, with Samantha Bricker overseeing the meeting.

9. Board Member Comments

Director Parks informed everyone that he would be participating in the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Parade on Monday, January 15th, and that a post parade festival would take place in Leimert Park. After the festival, there will be a reception at the Vision Theatre. The post parade reception is going to be sponsored by one of our contractors from the Expo Line. Director Parks asked everyone to please stay for the festival and reception.

10. Adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Juanita Carey
Clerk of the Board