



**AD-HOC CONGESTION PRICING COMMITTEE
PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

**SUBJECT: NEW PLANNING STUDIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED
WITH STATE-ADMINISTERED PLANNING FUNDS**

**ACTION: ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CEO TO EXECUTE FUNDING
AGREEMENTS FOR THREE NEW PLANNING STUDIES WITH STATE-
ADMINISTERED PLANNING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZE CEO TO
EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH RECONNECTING AMERICA
FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STUDY**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into funding agreements with Caltrans and/or the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) that will allow Metro to receive state-administered planning funds for the following three planning studies:
1. "Congestion-Pricing Feasibility Study", for \$800,000, which will be funded by Caltrans, and for potential additional funds to be negotiated with SCAG;
 2. "Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station Master Plan", for \$250,000, which will be funded by Caltrans; and,
 3. "Developing Transit-Oriented Development Typology for the City of Los Angeles", for \$208,000, which will be funded by Caltrans.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a funding agreement with Reconnecting America, who will conduct the work for the "Developing Transit-Oriented Development Typology for the City of Los Angeles" study.

ISSUE

Caltrans District 7 has offered to fund part of our Congestion-Pricing Feasibility Study using \$800,000 of their planning grant funds. SCAG also is considering doing a regionwide congestion-pricing study. We are working with SCAG to avoid any duplication of effort and use some of their funds for our study.

Additionally, Metro applied for and was awarded two Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants in the FY 2007-08 funding cycle totaling \$458,000. Of this amount, \$250,000 is to be used to prepare a master plan for improvements at the Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Green Line station. The remainder of \$208,000 is to be used to prepare a plan that works with communities to achieve consensus on appropriate land use intensities around transit stations within the City of Los Angeles.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Metro is responsible for the continuous improvement of an efficient and effective transportation system for Los Angeles County. The recommended studies will help our continued efforts in providing transportation alternatives for those traveling from and into our region, as well as increasing the safety and attractiveness of our transportation system.

OPTIONS

The Board of Directors could choose not to conduct the recommended studies or not to accept the funds for the studies. We do not recommend this option, as it would not help to further Metro's stated goals for an efficient and effective transportation system for Los Angeles County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

We anticipate that enough budgetary authority is available within the FY 08 Budget to cover these fiscal year expenses. However, when we return to the Board to recommend the award for the Congestion-Pricing Feasibility Study, we may need to amend the FY 08 Budget if additional expenditure authority is required. The Chief Planning Officer and the Chief Communications Officer will be responsible for budgeting expenditures in future years for their respective projects.

BACKGROUND

We are now initiating a Congestion-Pricing Feasibility Study, as the Board of Directors directed us to do in June 2007. The study area is Los Angeles County, and the study will include an analysis of various congestion-pricing alternatives that could be implemented in Los Angeles County by 2010. Caltrans has offered to provide \$800,000 in planning funds to finance part of the study.

Additionally, because SCAG is considering doing their own regionwide congestion-pricing study, we are negotiating with them the option of providing planning funds for our study to avoid any duplication of effort.

We also have been notified that Metro has been awarded two Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants in the FY 2007-08 funding cycle totaling \$458,000. Of this amount, Caltrans has approved \$250,000 for developing a master plan that would identify transit improvements at the Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Green Line Station to enhance station environments. The grant may not be used for implementation. It will be used to prioritize improvements and provide cost estimates for them. Metro Art will manage this effort, either working with a consultant or internally with designated Metro staff

Caltrans also has approved \$208,000 for preparing a plan that examines transit stations within the City of Los Angeles and their potential for transit-oriented development. The plan will work with adjacent communities to identify appropriate land use intensities at City of Los Angeles transit stations. This will provide the basis for amending community plans to encourage transit-oriented development. As sub-applicants, Reconnecting America will prepare this topology plan under an agreement with Metro.

Reconnecting America is a national non-profit organization that is working to integrate transportation systems and the communities they serve. They work towards the goal of generating lasting public and private returns, improving economic and environmental efficiency, and giving consumers more housing and mobility choices. Reconnecting America met with the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, helped develop the funding application needed, and submitted it to Caltrans. Reconnecting America will be developing the plan, coordinating technical input and conducting stakeholders/community participation. They have the expertise, experience and resources needed to develop the plan described in the funding application. Countywide Planning and Development will manage this effort working with Reconnecting America and the City of Los Angeles.

Metro will be expected to provide a 20% match from an in-kind contribution of budgeted staffing, printing, and other miscellaneous costs for the Congestion-Pricing Feasibility and Station Master Plan studies. For the Transit-Oriented Development study, the City of Los Angeles and Metro will be expected to share the required 20% match also through in-kind contributions. To receive these funds, Caltrans also requires that the Board of Directors approve a project-specific resolution that authorizes us to enter into agreements for the funding. Should we receive any funding from SCAG, they also will require an agreement to pass through the planning funds for the Congestion-Pricing Feasibility Study.

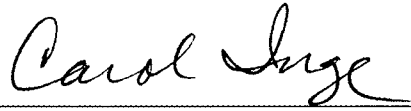
NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, we will proceed to execute the necessary agreements with Caltrans and SCAG for each project as necessary. We also will execute an agreement with Reconnecting America to complete the work for developing the Metro stations typology project. For procurement of needed consultant services on the Congestion-Pricing Feasibility Study and/or the Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station Master Plan, we will return to the Board for approvals as required.

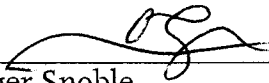
ATTACHMENT

- A. Resolution Authorizing Chief Executive Officer to Execute Funding Agreements with the Sate of California for Planning Projects

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR PLANNING PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) administers, programs allocates, and awards, state and federal transportation planning funds either directly through Caltrans or indirectly through the Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”); and

WHEREAS, upon funding award, Caltrans requires grantees to execute funding agreements in order to receive the planning funds; and

WHEREAS, all agreements for financial assistance from the State or SCAG will impose certain obligations upon the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“Metro”), including, but not limited, to provisions of local match requirements and provisions that indemnify and hold harmless the funding agency on Metro activities; and

WHEREAS, Metro has received allocations of planning funds through Caltrans and/or SCAG for certain projects namely: Congestion Pricing Feasibility Study; Developing Transit Oriented Typology for the City of Los Angeles; and Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority:

1. That the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute funding agreements, assurances, certifications, contracts, sub-contracts, extensions, and/or amendments and other necessary documents on behalf of Metro, subject to legal counsel review and approval, which may be necessary to carry out the planning studies and administer all obligations, responsibilities and duties under this grant upon receipt of a fully executed Fund Transfer Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.
2. That the required local match will be provided in the form of staff time, printing and publication costs, in-kind or other form acceptable by the funding agency.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as the Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority held on November 14, 2007.

MICHELE JACKSON
Board Secretary

DATED: _____

