



**Metro**

**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE  
JULY 16, 2009**

**PROJECT: METRO ORANGE LINE EXTENSION**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE WORK ORDER AGREEMENTS WITH QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC (QWEST)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute work order agreements with Qwest for the fiber optic modification work relating to the Lassen/Railroad Overcrossing and the Chatsworth Station site as part of Metro Orange Line Extension Project in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Within Construction Committee authority:       Yes     No     N/A

**RATIONALE**

The Metro Orange Line (MOL) Extension Project is a four-mile extension of the MOL extending from the existing Canoga station and park-and-ride lot to the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. The Project includes: busway, new station platforms at the Canoga park-and-ride lot, new stations at Sherman Way (with park-and-ride), Roscoe Boulevard, Nordhoff Street, and the Chatsworth Metrolink Station; bikeway and transportation enhancements/greenway; and an over-crossing/grade-separation over active railway tracks and Lassen Street, providing direct access into the Chatsworth Metrolink Station.

In January 2009, the Board adopted the MOL Extension Project and established a life-of-project budget of \$215.6 million. Additionally, the staff was requested to accelerate the project completion date to summer of 2012. The grade-separation bridge over the operating railroad and Lassen Street is on the project's schedule critical path. The accelerated schedule for the MOL Extension requires that the existing fiber optic lines owned by Qwest, located under the proposed bridge column in Union Pacific Railroad

property, Chatsworth Station parking lots and Lassen Street be modified and protected prior to the start of construction of the Lassen/Railroad Overcrossing and the Chatsworth Station site work. The rough order of magnitude cost is estimated to be \$500,000.

In keeping with the accelerated project schedule, MTA has already directed, and Qwest has completed, the Qwest fiber optic modification work at proposed North Parking lot at Chatsworth Station. MTA and Qwest will negotiate the additional Qwest work and the associated costs required for this project.

### **IMPACTS TO OTHER CONTRACTS**

Contract C0943 Design-Build and C0944 Lassen/Railroad Overcrossing – The current schedule is to award a construction contract for Lassen/Railroad Overcrossing work in November 2009 and begin construction in January 2010 either as a stand alone Contract C0944 or as an option under Contract C0943 Design-Build. The construction of the Lassen/Railroad Overcrossing cannot begin until the Qwest fiber optic modification work in the vicinity of the bridge column and Lassen Street is completed. Also, Contract C0943 Design-Build includes parking lots at Chatsworth station, construction of which cannot begin until the Qwest fiber optic modification work is completed.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funding of \$500,000 is included in the FY10 budget in Cost Center 8510, Construction, under Capital Project 800119 MOL Extension. This action is within the approved life-of-project budget of \$215.6 million. Since this is a multi-year project, the Chief Capital Management Officer will be responsible for budgeting future year's costs.

### **IMPACT ON BUS AND RAIL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

The source of funds for this project is a combination of State Proposition 1B funds and Proposition C 25% Highway funds. These funds are not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures as they have been programmed specifically to this major construction project.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board may reject the Recommendation and direct us to include this work under Construction contracts. This is not recommended as MTA's contractor would not be on board until later in the year, which may result in two months or more delay in the

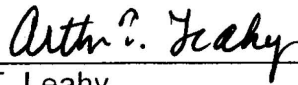
accelerated schedule. Additionally, Qwest will not allow the contractor to perform modifications to their utilities.

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