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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC PARKING PILOT PROGRAM AT  
WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK STATION JOINT  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT QUESTIONS**

### **ISSUE**

At the Planning and Programming Committee Meeting of October 14, 2015 members of the committee asked for responses to the following questions:

1. What is the utilization of parking at the MacArthur Park Station TOD project site?
2. Is there a demand for carpool or vanpools at the MacArthur Park Station?

Responses to the questions asked at the October 14, 2015 Planning and Programming Committee are detailed below.

### **DISCUSSION**

1. What is the utilization of parking at the MacArthur Park Station TOD project site?

Commuter parking occupancy has remained at zero percent at the Westlake MacArthur Park Station since it opened for operation. Staff has collected data for the last three months. The data has been collected three times a week twice a day. According to the United States Census Bureaus, American Community Survey (ACS), a survey conducted every year, indicates that residents in the Westlake/MacArthur Park area (90057 area code) have a low car ownership rate. Only thirty-nine percent of the residents in the Westlake/MacArthur Park area have access to one car and twenty percent have access to more than one vehicle per household. ACS studies also indicate that over half of the residents in the area use public transportation, walk or bike to work, or work from home.

2. Is there a demand for carpool or vanpools at the MacArthur Park Station?

Staff has verified with Metro's Shared Mobility group and has determined that the demographic area at the MacArthur Park station does not have a demand for carpooling or vanpooling in the area at this time.

In September the Metro Board authorized the award of the contract for the Supportive Transit Parking Program (STPP) Master Plan. This master plan will address short and long term issues at all the Metro stations with parking. This study will be completed by fall 2016 which will include the Westlake/MacArthur Park Station area and will recommend a long term parking management strategy for this location and will also evaluate carpool and vanpool opportunities at this station.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff will work with Metro's reserved permit parking processing contractor to initiate this 12 months pilot program. Staff will update the Board on the progress of the program in March 2016.