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SUBJECT: DIVISION 13 PROJECT UPDATE

ISSUE

The Division 13 bus maintenance and operations facility project has been under construction since September 2012 and reached substantial completion on Monday, November 2, 2015. Based on inspections carried out by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Metro has been provided a certificate of occupancy on Tuesday, December 2, 2015, which allows Metro to occupy and operate the facility.

BACKGROUND

The Division 13 bus maintenance and operations facility is located in Downtown Los Angeles at Vignes Street and Cesar Chavez Avenue. The facility accommodates 200 compressed natural gas (CNG) 40-foot bus equivalents. Highlighted features of Division 13 include a multi-level structured parking garage, bus and non-revenue vehicle fueling, washing, modern and efficient maintenance bays, an automated parts room, maintenance and transportation offices, and instruction/training rooms. The newly constructed division also provides 397 parking spaces for our frontline staff. Division 13 is the first new operating division that Metro has constructed in over 30 years, and will also be the first LEED Gold bus facility among all Metro divisions. Division 13 is a national model for sustainable design and construction, and includes innovative features such as solar panel arrays, a vegetated green roof, a 400,000 gallon underground storm water retention tank for bus washing with recycled water, natural ventilation, LED lighting, automated lighting and mechanical systems, glare and heat gain reduction glazing, day lighting to all major work areas and water efficient landscaping. The project was constructed by McCarthy

Constructors and designed by Maintenance Design Group with architecture by RNL Design. The project budget for the facility is \$120 million and is substantially funded by \$52.5 million in State of Good Repair and Clean Fuels discretionary grants from the Federal Transit Administration.

DISCUSSION

Construction

Substantial completion for the project was achieved on November 2, 2015. The facility was fully furnished in November 2015. The certificate of occupancy was granted from the LAFD on December 2, 2015. Between December 2015 and the opening on February 1, 2016; ITS will be completing final installation of telephone systems, computers and network equipment, parts storerooms, supplies and materials will be stocked by Logistics staff, and Operations staff and equipment will be transitioning into the new facility. Current construction activities include punch list work, mechanical final commissioning, final cleaning of the facilities, final LEED documentation, and close out of the construction contract.

Operations

Operations will activate Division 13 for revenue operations on Monday, February 1, 2016 with 50 buses from Division 10. The shared lines that will operate out of Division 13 are as follows: 2, 20, 30, 33, 66, 68, and 745. This approach will allow for sufficient testing, training, staff familiarization and system integration in support of ultimately staffing Division 13 to maximum capacity with each bi-annual system shake-up. Operations intends to use Division 13 as a nexus to initiate a systemwide analysis of existing service levels and bus facilities to identify opportunities to increase operational efficiency and address State of Good Repair needs at our bus divisions.

Communications

With the opening of Division 13 quickly approaching, Communications staff will continue working in partnership and collaboration with the public, community leaders, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and our Board of Directors to apprise them of the status of the project. In addition, Metro is coordinating a VIP Inaugural Event and Tour of Division 13 in January 2016. Further details will be provided on the date of the event when they are available.

NEXT STEPS

As Metro prepares for revenue operations at Division 13 on Monday, February 1, 2016, staff from all departments will continue working in coordination to manage and implement all activities necessary to achieve a seamless activation of all functions at Division 13. In addition, staff will continue to apprise our board with information related to the activation of the Division 13 project.