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**SUBJECT:** PRIVATE OCCUPANCY VEHICLE RELOCATION AND  
PATSAOURAS TRANSIT PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS

### ISSUE

Construction for operational and safety improvements to the Patsaouras Transit Plaza will begin next week. This work will be conducted in two phases from April 2016 through October 2016. Phase I creates a new passenger pick-up and drop-off facility for private occupancy vehicles (POVs). Phase II repairs the plaza drive lanes, storm drains, and adds pedestrian safety fencing. This project was approved by the Board of Directors as Patsaouras Plaza Paver Retrofit (CP 210137).

### DISCUSSION

#### Phase I – Private Occupancy Vehicle Relocation

Construction of the new Passenger Pick-up/Drop-off facility is scheduled from April 4<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>, and it will open for public use when completed.

The open-air parking lot on the north side of the P1 level of the parking garage will become a new passenger pick-up and drop-off facility. Passengers will walk between that area and the East Portal. Shuttle buses and Access Paratransit vehicles will continue to use the plaza to pick-up and drop-off passengers.

POVs will be removed from Patsaouras Transit Plaza so they will no longer compete with buses for the exit ramp onto Vignes Street. This will reduce the amount of time that buses wait to exit the plaza, and will support safer bus operations and passenger movement within the plaza.

### Phase II - Patsaouras Plaza Repairs

The existing pavers on the Patsaouras Plaza drive lanes, the trench drains and storm drains beneath them, and waterproofing membranes have been damaged by the heavy loads from buses over the past 20 years. Starting at the conclusion of Phase I, the Patsaouras Plaza will be closed for three months (currently scheduled from July 11<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>) to:

- Install new asphaltic base layer
- Replace the waterproof membrane
- Remove and reinstall pavers over asphalt base and membrane
- Widen the south end turning area
- Install stamped concrete at two areas with the heaviest wear and tear
- Repair drainage systems

In addition, new decorative safety fencing will be added to the north end of the outer drive lanes to prevent pedestrians from walking into bus traffic.

Coordination with Bus Operations to support the temporary closure of the plaza and relocation of buses is ongoing.

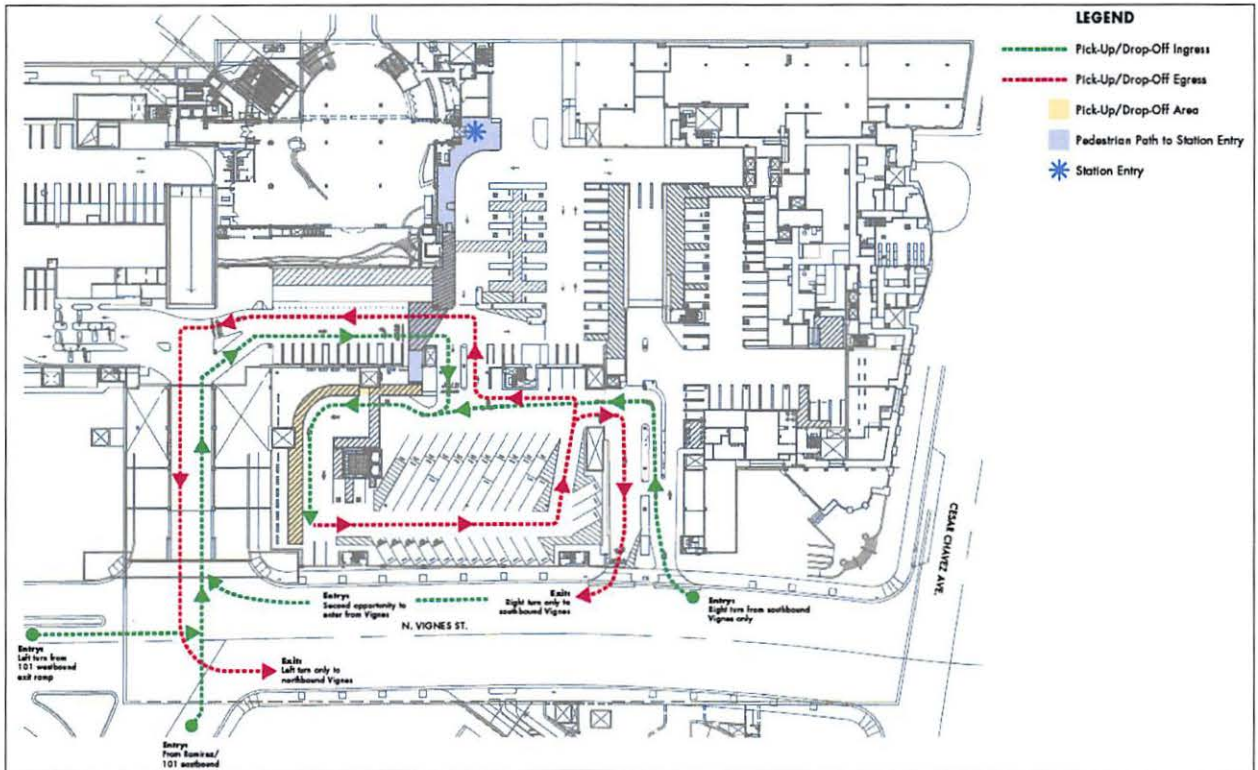
### NEXT STEPS

Leading up to the July 2016 temporary closure of Patsaouras Plaza, staff will continue planning and coordination for temporary bus and shuttle relocation, and on a comprehensive strategy to communicate all changes with the passengers, transit and shuttle operators, and the general public. This will include both temporary and permanent wayfinding.

### Attachments

- A: Renderings of New Passenger Pick-Up / Drop-Off Facility
- B: History of Patsaouras Plaza Paver Problems and Repairs
- C: Plan View Drawing of Work to Be Patsaouras Plaza

## ATTACHEMENT A: Renderings of New Passenger Pick-Up / Drop-Off Facility







**ATTACHEMENT B:  
History of Patsaouras Plaza Paver Problems and Repairs**

**1994-1997:**

Three localized repairs undertaken during the contractors warranty period.

**1997:**

The north radius bus lane lifted and re-laid in order to repair the waterproof membrane that had delaminated from the concrete slab. Repairs made to some of the granite bands.

**2000:**

The pavers on top of the Vignes/Ramirez ramp removed and reinstalled.

**2001:**

Iron plates installed at the transformer vault area and later welded together due to plates moving.

**2002:**

Access hatch for the transformer vault lifted, requiring the overlaying pavers to be lifted and re-laid. Some repairs made to curbs and drainage channels following damage inflicted by buses.

**2004:**

Asphalt laid on top of damaged pavers on the Vignes entry ramp and south-west turn radius of the bus plaza as a temporary fix.

**2004-16:**

Yearly (or more frequent) asphalt over lays installed on top of damaged pavers on the Vignes entry ramp and the DWP transformer vault as an interim fix. These repairs go from roughly two inches (2") layers to zero or nothing.

