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SUBJECT: SEPULVEDA PASS TRANSIT CORRIDOR

ISSUE

Staff is preparing to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) later this week for the Sepulveda Pass Transit Feasibility Study ("Study"). This Study will provide the foundation for environmental clearance of the ultimate transit project selected for this corridor and will also serve as a parallel supporting document for the review of P3 proposals.

DISCUSSION

The Study will identify and evaluate a wide range of high-capacity transit concepts that would serve a major north/south travel corridor connecting the Westside and the San Fernando Valley. The Study corridor is approximately 11 miles in length and generally bounded by the Metro Orange Line on the north and the Metro Expo Line and future Purple Line Section 3 on the south. In addition to various alignments and terminal station locations, the Study will assess a range of transit modes including Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail Transit, Heavy Rail Transit, and potentially other proven transit technologies not currently operated by Metro. This Study will coordinate with the ongoing ExpressLanes Study that is being studied separately by Metro's Congestion Reduction Department. The Study is anticipated to take 14 months to complete and would be followed by environmental clearance of the Locally Preferred Alternative, following selection and approval by the Board.

During preparation of the RFP, Countywide Planning consulted with the Office of Extraordinary Innovation to discuss how this study would move forward in parallel with the evaluation of unsolicited proposals received for the Sepulveda Pass. Based on additional discussions with Vendor/Contract Management, Ethics, and

County Counsel, it was determined that separation was needed between the two efforts and the following language was developed for inclusion in the Letter of Invitation for the RFP:

“Prime firms and major design subcontractors who have an unsolicited proposal under review by Metro for Sepulveda Pass are precluded from proposing on this study. Other subcontractors that are part of the unsolicited proposal teams are not prohibited from proposing on this RFP, but Metro will evaluate on a case by case basis. Once this feasibility study is complete and information is made public, the team selected as a result of this RFP to conduct the study will not be precluded from proposing on a future RFP for delivery of a Sepulveda Pass project”.

Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. and Cintra US Services LLC are the two Prime firms with unsolicited proposals for Sepulveda Pass currently under review by Metro.

NEXT STEPS

Staff is prepared to release the RFP this week, with the contract award scheduled for Board consideration in September.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Sepulveda Pass Study Area Map

