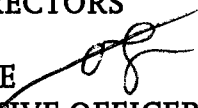





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**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THROUGH:** ROGER SNOBLE   
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**SUBJECT:** ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EXPO PHASE II

**ISSUE**

The Metro FY07 budget currently includes \$1.5 million for initiation of environmental activities for the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project Phase II. Subsequent to adoption of the FY07 budget, management of the project was assigned to the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Authority). They have now completed negotiations with the consultant for Stage 1 and have determined that a total of \$2.5 million is necessary to fully fund the FY07 activities for Phase II. No budget amendment is required to provide the Authority with this additional funding because sufficient authority exists in the overall Special Revenue Fund budget.

**BACKGROUND**

In November 2005, the Metro Board programmed \$15 million over 3 years for planning and environmental work for Phase II of the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project. However, at that time no detailed cost estimates had been developed for the planning and engineering work needed for Phase II.

The total \$2.5 million budget is allocated as follows:

- Authority Staffing - \$196,400
- Metro Support - \$205,000
- Legal/Specialty Consultants - \$120,000
- Environmental Consultant Contract - \$1,800,000
- General Office Costs (Rents, computers, furniture, office supplies) - \$111,000
- Contingency - \$67,600

The projected expenditure level for FY07 is higher than anticipated due in part to the Authority awarding the consultant contract slightly earlier than expected. This will enable the Construction Authority to accelerate project development activities.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will coordinate with Metro's Office of Management and Budget to add the additional funding to the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority's FY07 budget.