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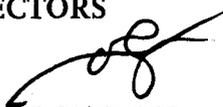
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**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THROUGH:** ROGER SNOBLE   
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**SUBJECT:** REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC LANKERSHIM DEPOT

**ISSUE**

At the October 2006 meeting, the Metro Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the Call for Projects agreement between the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA) and Metro for the restoration of the Lankershim Depot Transit Center project (Project). This amendment provided for the re-programming of Call for Projects grants to Metro along with the CRA's local matching funds of \$1,111,300. The Board also authorized the adoption of a Life of Project budget of \$3.6 million. This report provides an update on the Project's progress and next steps.

**BACKGROUND**

Metro worked with CRA representatives on the amendment language. The execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amendment and commitment of City match was subject to approvals by the CRA Board of Commissioners and the Los Angeles City Council. These approvals were provided by the appropriate governing bodies late this summer and the MOU amendment was fully executed by both parties as of October 17, 2007.

In the interim, Metro has reviewed the restoration plans previously prepared by CRA and has executed a contract with the architectural firm previously engaged by CRA for this Project. Construction bid documents are being prepared and the design is being finalized. As the depot is listed in the State Historic Resources Inventory and

is eligible for separate listing in the National Register, all work is subject to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) oversight.

Based on Metro's previous experience, it is recognized that identification of potential environmental issues must be explored prior to issuance of the request for contractor's proposal, to have a more accurate understanding of potential costs. To facilitate this effort, Metro has also contracted with an environmental assessment firm to investigate and quantify potential soils, lead and asbestos contaminations. Additionally, Metro has engaged the services of experts to assist in the assessment of the physical condition of the many historic components of the structure, and to prepare the necessary California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance documentation.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Now that the MOU amendment has been executed, Metro will proceed with the construction procurement process. The design is 85% complete. The construction contract's Scope of Work is being refined, and the bid components are being finalized. It is anticipated that Metro will be ready to advertise the project for construction in January 2008, and award the contract in late spring.