





Metro

MAY 3, 2012

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ARTHUR T. LEAHY 
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM:  DOUGLAS R. FAILING, P.E.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAY PROGRAM

SUBJECT: I-5 HOV FROM SR-134 TO SR-118

ISSUE

At the April 19, 2012 Operations Committee meeting, Director Mel Wilson requested an update on the delivery of the Interstate 5 (I-5) project near Bob Hope Airport. This May, we will be requesting California Transportation Commission (CTC) fund allocation for the Empire Avenue Interchange Modification & Burbank Boulevard Interchange Reconstruction as part of the I-5 High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) project from State Route 134 (SR-134) to State Route 118 (SR-118) Project. CTC approval is critical in order to avoid losing \$73 million in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds for this final segment. This serves to provide a response to Director Wilson's request for information and to inform the Board on our current activities to implement this project.

BACKGROUND

Currently, three of the four segments are under construction. The segments from SR-118 to SR-170 and SR-170 to Buena Vista Street are at 44% and 47% construction completion, respectively. Both segments are expected to be open to traffic by late 2014. The segment from SR-134 to Magnolia Boulevard is currently in construction at 6% and is expected to be open to traffic by 2015. Pending CTC approval, the advertisement for construction contract for the Empire Avenue Interchange Modification & Burbank Boulevard Interchange Reconstruction is targeted for this June.

NEXT STEPS

We will continue working with Caltrans, Metrolink and the City of Burbank to monitor the construction progress on the three segments currently under construction. Subsequent to the awarding of the construction contract for the Empire Avenue Interchange Modification & Burbank Boulevard Interchange Reconstruction, we will begin work on relocating utilities and railroad tracks.