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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNTYWIDE PLANNING

SUBJECT: CITY OF LOS ANGELES DASH CLEAN FUEL - HIGHER
CAPACITY VEHICLES

ISSUE

As part of the 2009 Call for Projects (CFP), the Board programmed \$3,200,000 to the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) for the purchase of 11 35-foot Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) replacement buses (CFP# F3414 – City of Los Angeles DASH Clean Fuel – Higher Capacity Vehicles). During the evaluation process, the number of buses to be funded under the grant was reduced to nine from LADOT's original request of 22. However, the project description contained in the Board report was not revised to reflect the lower number. This is to advise the Board that we will administratively revise the scope of work, if no Board comments are received by May 28, 2012.

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2009 CFP, the Board on September 24, 2009, approved funding for 18 Transit Capital projects in the amount of \$37.5 million. The September 2009 Board report contained two separate attachments which listed recommended funding amounts. The first identified the recommended amount of \$3,200,000 and serves as the final Board approved funding amount. The second provided a description of the project, local match commitment, and a recommended funding amount of \$3,784,685.

In March 2012, the Board was informed about the inconsistency in the amount identified in the preliminary project recommendation and the project summary. These new CNG

buses will allow LADOT to replace nine of their existing 30-foot low floor propane buses, reduce pollution emissions, and increase capacity to ease overcrowding. Total cost of the project is \$4,000,000, of which \$3,200,000 will be funded through CFP grant #F3414 and the remaining balance of \$800,000 with local matching funds from LADOT.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will administratively approve the change in scope if there are no Board comments. We will execute a Letter of Agreement with LADOT so that the grant funds can be obligated for the project.