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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: WESTWOOD GREENWAY PROJECT

ISSUE

Motion Item #80 at the January 2015 meeting of the Metro Board of Directors directs the CEO in part to work with the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles, and in coordination with the Exposition Construction Authority to prepare an analysis of the Westwood Greenway project including project benefits, detailed capital and ongoing maintenance costs, and project delivery options. In addition, the Motion also directs the CEO to work with the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles to identify funding sources for the design and construction of the project.

Staff is to report back to the Board of Directors in March 2015 and at the completion of the project for updates.

BACKGROUND

The Westwood Greenway project is a City of Los Angeles water treatment and community beautification project that has been proposed to be built adjacent to the Expo Line right-of-way between Westwood Boulevard and Overland Avenue. According to calculations provided by the LA Bureau of Sanitation and the community to the makers of the Motion, the Westwood Greenway project will reduce the amount of ocean runoff and use natural and sustainable water treatment methods to remove lead, zinc, copper, and other pollutants by up to 48 million gallons of water per year.

Subsequent to the January 2015 Board meeting, LA Metro staff met with various stakeholders to discuss the directions of the Motion on February 10th including representatives from the City of Los Angeles, the Westwood Homeowner's Association (community advocates for the project), and the Exposition Light Rail Authority. Staff had also met with Mayor Eric Garcetti's and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's staff on February 12th.

The following was the general consensus reached during those meetings:

1. The Exposition Light Rail Authority will proceed with their original project as currently designed with no modifications, including the bike path and landscaping;
2. LA Metro will initiate the study directed by Motion Item #80 and will coordinate with the City of Los Angeles on how to pay for the study and use their allocated \$750,000 for the Westwood Greenway project; and
3. LA Metro staff will convene additional meetings during the study, as necessary, to update stakeholders of progress.

NEXT STEPS

LA Metro staff will develop a succeeding Board Box to update the Board of the progress in this effort on March 2015.

ATTACHMENTS

None