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**SUBJECT: PASADENA REPLACEMENT AND ADDED CAPACITY OF
CLEAN FUEL BUSES**

ISSUE

As part of the 2013 Call for Projects (CFP), the Metro Board authorized the programming of \$2,111,900 to the City of Pasadena for the purchase of eight 32-foot Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses for replacement and service expansion (CFP No. F7422). The City of Pasadena has requested a change in scope that reduces the number of buses from eight to four. Staff will administratively approve the change in scope, if there are no Metro Board comments by March 9, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The purchase of these new CNG buses would allow the City of Pasadena to replace its existing buses which are beyond their useful life and to relieve overcrowding on its system. The total cost of the project was \$2,853,919 with Metro providing \$2,111,900 (74%) and the City contributing \$742,019 (26%) as local match.

In the 2013 CFP application, the City determined its project cost using an average cost of \$450,000 per bus. Metro's approved funding at the time was based on the average cost of \$356,739 for the same size and type of bus using the 2012 Metro Bus Operations Subcommittee vehicle purchase survey. The City does not have the financial capability to purchase all eight buses.

The City's request to reduce the number of buses still meets the CFP Transit Capital mode criteria of replacing aging buses and expansion of service. The change in the number of buses from eight to four will reduce the total project cost from \$2,853,919 to \$1,800,000, a difference of \$1,053,919. Accordingly, the grant will be reduced to \$1,055,950, with the City local match increased to \$744,050. The remaining \$1,055,950 in grant funds will be recommended for deobligation as part of the 2015

Deobligation process currently scheduled for June 2015. The City of Pasadena is in agreement with this course of action.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will administratively approve the scope change and grant funds reduction, if no Metro Board comments are received by March 9, 2015. Further, staff will execute a Letter of Agreement with the City so that the project grant dollars can be obligated.