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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**SUBJECT: WESTWOOD GREENWAY PROJECT UPDATE**

**ISSUE**

Motion Item #80 at the January 2015 meeting of the Metro Board of Directors directed the CEO to work with the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles, and in coordination with the Exposition Construction Authority to prepare a feasibility analysis of the Westwood Greenway project; and 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 with an update.

**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. Subsequent to the January 2015 Board meeting, LA Metro staff met with various stakeholders on February 10<sup>th</sup> that included 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 Shiela Kuehl's staff on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Since then, staff have commissioned the study requested by the Motion to include three specific phases:

1. Scan existing technical information to develop a basis of cost for a fully designed project as envisioned by the community.
2. Develop a cost estimate and cost/benefit analysis that would include two scenarios:
  - a. The cost to build the Westwood Greenway project as originally proposed, and
  - b. The cost for the combined Expo/Westwood Greenway project (Westwood Greenway project modified elements superimposed on the original as-built Expo design). The intent of the combined scenario will be to keep as much of the Expo project intact while achieving the same treatment efficiency of the Westwood Greenway project as it was originally conceived.

The cost of operations and long-term maintenance will also be tabulated for consideration of funding availability/responsibility.

3. Develop funding source opportunities to fund the design, construction, and operations and maintenance of the project.

### **NEXT STEPS**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.