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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FUNDING BETWEEN TWO CITY OF LOS ANGELES PROJECTS

ISSUE

As part of the 2000 Abreviated Call for Projects adoption in July 2000, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board approved a motion which directed MTA staff to negotiate with the City of Los Angeles to transfer funding recommended for another City of Los Angeles project(s) to fund the City of Los Angeles's Zoo Drive Project. This Board Box serves to inform the Board that the staff has completed negotiations and signed a Letter of Agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the Zoo Drive Project.

BACKGROUND

Since the Board adoption of the 2000 Abreviated Call and its motion with regards to Zoo Drive, numerous discussions have occurred with City staff. On February 7, 2001, the MTA received a letter from the City of Los Angeles requesting the cancellation of \$677,000 in MTA programmed Proposition C 25% funds for the Sepulveda Blvd. Widening, Tennessee Ave. to S/O Pico Blvd. project, funded in the 1999 Call for Projects in order to fund the Zoo Drive One-Way To Two-Way Traffic Project. As Zoo Drive was not a Proposition C 25% eligible project, staff programmed Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) as the project's funding source. The City of Los Angeles and the MTA have executed the required Letter of Agreement and the City will be working with Caltrans to have these federal funds obligated.

NEXT STEPS

The MTA Board will need to formally deobligate the Sepulveda Blvd. Widening project in July when the 2001 Call for Projects is approved. This will formally relieve MTA of any existing funding obligation for the Sepulveda Blvd. project. The next steps for project delivery will require City of Los Angeles staff to secure an authorization to proceed from Caltrans and the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) which will then allow the obligation and draw down of funding needed for the Zoo Drive Project delivery. MTA staff will work with the City of Los Angeles and Caltrans staff to ensure the timely delivery of the project.