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**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON BOARD DIRECTED
CORRIDOR MAJOR INVESTMENT STUDIES**

ISSUE

At its August 2000 meeting, the Board directed staff to conduct Major Investment Studies (MIS) on the following five corridors not currently under study by the MTA:

Transit Corridors

- Crenshaw-Prairie Corridor
- San Fernando Valley North-South Project

Highway Corridors

- I-405/Sepulveda Pass
- North County Combined Highway Corridors
- Routes 57/60 Interchange

The Board requested staff to provide proposed schedules for completing the above requested MIS's. The Board further directed staff to consult with the LADOT on the feasibility of exclusive bus lane and Rapid Bus options for Vermont Avenue.

BACKGROUND

STUDY SCHEDULES

Attachment A contains the schedules for the five Board directed corridor MIS's. The schedules in Attachment A indicate the time required for staff to: prepare the scopes of work for the studies; complete the required procurement process for consultant services; and complete the study effort. One consideration in the preparation of these schedules is the availability of MTA staff to prepare the work scopes and conduct the procurement process.

Crenshaw-Prairie Corridor MIS

A draft Route Refinement Study was recently completed for the Crenshaw-Prairie Corridor. Staff will amend the existing contract to study the corridor at an MIS level and include an analysis of a Bus Rapid Transit option. As shown in Attachment A, staff proposes to have the Crenshaw-Prairie MIS scope of work completed by the end of November 2000, a new contract executed by April 2001, and the MIS completed by September 2001.

North-South San Fernando Valley Corridor MIS

The North-South San Fernando Valley MIS will require consultation with various community groups and elected officials to help focus the scope of work. As Attachment A indicates, staff proposes to have the scope of work completed by the end of November 2000, the contract executed by July 2001, and the MIS completed by February 2002.

I-405 / Sepulveda Pass (Between I-10 and US-101) Corridor Study

Caltrans is currently at a preliminary stage of work on a Project Initiation Document (PID) which is similar to the MTA's MIS process. It is expected that the PID will contain most of the information required for a Project Study Report (PSR) which will be complete at the end of December 2001. If MTA determines that any additional issues or public outreach for the project need to be addressed, MTA staff will propose additional study which will build upon the PID/PSR findings. MTA would start this additional work, if needed, by approximately May 2002. Completing the supplementary work, depending on the complexity, could require from 6 to 20 months.

North County Combined Highway Corridors Studies

The North County Combined Highway Corridors Studies will be conducted in two parts as follows: (I) Route 14 between I-5 and Kern County, and I-5 between Route 14 and Kern County; and (II) Route 138 between I-5 and San Bernardino County. It should be noted that both I-5 and Route 14 in Part I would be studied concurrently whereas Route 138 of Part II scope of study will be developed after Caltrans' Route 138 Corridor EIR is complete. In addition, the scope of studies will be developed with inputs from the affected community groups, public officials and cities. Attachment A reflects staff's proposal to have the scope of work completed by December 2000, the contract executed by April 2001, and the study completed by August 2004.

Routes 57/60 Interchange Improvement Study

The Routes 57/60 Interchange Improvement Study scope will be developed in consultation with the Four Corners Transportation Committee. Attachment A indicates that staff proposes to have the scope of work completed by December 2000, the contract executed by July 2001, and the MIS completed by June 2002.

Vermont Avenue Transit Improvements Options

Staff met with LADOT to discuss transit improvements along Vermont Avenue. Staff will provide written information for the November Board Meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will write a status report on the Board directed corridor Major Investment Studies and the Vermont Avenue transit improvements at the November Board meeting. In the interim, staff would be happy to brief individual Board members about any of these studies, upon request.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Proposed Corridor Schedules

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ATTACHMENT A

SCHEDULE A

Crenshaw Prairie MIS Proposed Schedule	
Project Task	Estimated Completion Date
Prepare Scope of Work/Cost Statement of Work	November 2000
Procurement and Executing Contract	March 2001
Completing the MIS	August 2001
Board Approval	September 2001
Total	11 Months

SCHEDULE B

North-South San Fernando Valley MIS Proposed Schedule	
Project Task	Estimated Completion Date
Prepare Scope of Work (community consultation)	November 2000
Procurement and Executing Contract	July 2001
Completing the MIS	February 2002
Board Approval	March 2002
Total	17 Months

SCHEDULE C

I-405 / Sepulveda Pass (Between I-10 and US-101) Study Proposed Schedule	
Project Task	Estimated Completion Date
Prepare Scope of Work (propose building upon the PID/PSR findings)	February 2002
Procurement and Executing Contract	May 2002
Completing the MIS	January 2004
Board Approval	February 2004
Total	26 Months

SCHEDULE D

North County Combined Highway Corridors MIS Proposed Schedule	
Project Task	Completion Date
Prepare Scope of Work	December 2000
Procurement and Executing Contract	April 2001
Completing Part I - Route 14 from I-5 to Kern County	December 2002
Completing Part I - I-5 from Route 14 to Kern County	July 2003
Completing Part II – Route 138 from I-5 to Route 14	November 2003
Completing Part II - Route 138 from Route 14 to San Bernardino County Line	July 2004
Board Approval	August 2004
Total	45 Months

SCHEDULE E

Routes 57 / 60 Interchange Improvement MIS Proposed Schedule	
Project Task	Completion Date
Prepare Scope of Work	December 2000
Procurement and Executing Contract	July 2001
Completing the MIS	May 2002
Board Approval	June 2002
Total	19 Months