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**SUBJECT: CITY OF LOS ANGELES TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECTS
SCOPE AMENDMENTS**

ISSUE

This is to inform the Board that staff is processing scope amendments for Call for Projects-funded City of Los Angeles' Transit Priority/Bus Speed Improvement projects to maintain consistency with the Board-approved Metro Rapid Program.

The City of Los Angeles has requested amendments to the Memorandum of Understandings for the Van Nuys Boulevard Transit Priority, Victory/Oxnard Bus Priority Treatments, Central/East Los Angeles Bus Speed Improvements, Westside Bus Speed Improvements, and Mid Cities Bus Speed Improvement projects. The purpose of the amendments is to expand the time and limits of the Call for Projects grants to allow for implementation of the transit priority system on the Van Nuys, Broadway, Crenshaw-Rossmore, Florence and Vermont Metro Rapid Lines, respectively, in support of the Five-Year Metro Rapid Implementation plan.

Consistent with the Five-Year Metro Rapid Implementation plan, the City is requesting the following changes:

- Van Nuys Boulevard Transit Priority: extend the limits to Foothill Boulevard on the north and Wilshire Boulevard via the Sepulveda Pass on the south;
- Central/East Los Angeles Bus Speed Improvements: extend the limits to include Gateway Plaza on the north and the Metro Green Line Harbor Freeway Station via Broadway on the south;
- Westside Bus Speed Improvements and Mid Cities Bus Speed Improvements: extend the limits to include Crenshaw Boulevard/Rossmore Avenue from the Hollywood/Highland Metro Red Line Station to Adams Boulevard; Florence Avenue from Crenshaw Boulevard to Central Avenue; and Vermont Avenue from Barnsdall/Maubert Avenues to 120th Street; and
- Memorandum of Understanding Extension: extend the lapse dates for the Van Nuys Boulevard Transit Priority, Westside Bus Speed Improvements and Victory/Oxnard Bus Priority Treatments Projects to June 30, 2004.

BACKGROUND

The Van Nuys Boulevard Transit Priority, Central/East Los Angeles Bus Speed Improvements, and Mid Cities Bus Speed Improvements Projects were funded through the 1995 Call for Projects, and the Westside Bus Speed Improvements Project through the 1997 Call for Projects. These Call for Projects grants were originally to fund implementation of transit priority treatments along Van Nuys Boulevard between Roscoe and Ventura Boulevards; along major bus corridors in the Central/East Los Angeles area; along major bus corridors in the Mid Cities area; and along major bus corridors in the Westside Los Angeles area, respectively. MTA and the City of Los Angeles staff worked closely on the Metro Rapid Five-Year Implementation Plan, which was approved by the MTA Board in September 2002. In order to maximize previous Board-approved grant funds and City staff resources, it was decided to extend the limits serving the Metro Rapid Corridors as mentioned above.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will process and execute the scopes of work amendments to the Call for Projects Memorandum of Understandings to allow the City to implement the transit priority prior to the start-up of the Van Nuys, Broadway, Crenshaw-Rossmore, Florence and Vermont Metro Rapid Lines.