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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: I-710 MAJOR CORRIDOR STUDY STATUS REPORT

ISSUE

The I-710 Major Corridor Study (MCS) is nearing completion. The Community Advisory Committees (Tier I and Tier II) and the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have acted and forwarded final recommendations to the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee (OPC). The OPC met on September 30, 2004 to receive and file the recommendations. They are expected to meet again in late October or early November to consider adopting a Locally Preferred Hybrid Strategy.

BACKGROUND

The schedule for deliberations of the I-710 MCS report by the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee and the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee is rapidly coming to closure with the completion/approval of a study report including the possible selection of a Locally Preferred Strategy. Given the compressed schedule, this status report is transmitted to the MTA Board to ensure that the Board members are knowledgeable about the findings and selections that are being considered.

On August 26, 2004, Tier II committee members unanimously approved the Tier II Final Report titled "Major Opportunity/Strategy Recommendations and Conditions". In addition, at the September 9, 2004 TAC meeting, the TAC voted to communicate to the OPC its support for the broad concepts in the Tier II Final Report, while acknowledging that some of the recommendations would require legislative and/or regulatory changes.

The TAC also voted to recommend that the following components be included in the OPC's Locally Preferred Strategy:

- Alternative A - No Build
- Alternative B - TSM/TDM (Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management)

- Improvement of arterial highways within the I-710 Corridor
- Construction of truck inspection facilities to be integrated with the selected overall design concept
- A hybrid design concept, which consists of 4 truck lanes, 10 mixed flow lanes, and specified interchange improvements, between Ocean Boulevard and the intermodal railyards in Vernon/Commerce.
 - The TAC acknowledged that the portion of the I-710 Corridor between Atlantic-Bandini and SR-60 is still under study and that findings from the mini-study will be integrated with the hybrid design concept prior to initiating environmental studies. This study will be completed with the direct participation of the East Los Angeles Tier I Committee.

NEXT STEPS

The final report of the I-710 MCS will be presented to the MTA Board following action on a recommendation by the Study OPC.

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