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**TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FROM: JOSEPH E. DREW, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDENDUM FOR  
THE CENTURY-EL SEGUNDO EXTENSION RAIL  
TRANSIT PROJECT DEL NORTE STATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the attached Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report; adopt the project changes for the Metro Green Line; and authorize staff to issue a Notice of Determination.

**ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT**

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The above actions, along with the subsequent filing of the Notice of Determination with the County Clerk, complete the environmental process pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Project to proceed to preliminary engineering.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

Funds for the preparation of the Addendum and the preliminary engineering work, a combination of state rail bond funds and contributions from the private sector, are in the current fiscal year budget.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

Completion of the environmental clearance process is required for the MTA to consider implementing this project. Further, State funding agreement with the MTA requires that funds for the environmental and preliminary engineering work be expended by March 1997.

**BACKGROUND**

The Del Norte station was proposed in response to an El Segundo Employers Association (ESEA) and City of El Segundo request that the MTA build an additional station between the Aviation and Mariposa stations for the existing Green Line, which opened in August 1995.

In 1988, the ESEA commissioned a consultant study to evaluate the patronage that the additional station could generate. In 1989, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) examined the proposal through additional studies and cost benefit analyses. Unable to generate firm funding commitments at that time, the LACTC

proceeded to build the Green Line with the option of adding the station at a later time.

The proposed project is located in the City of El Segundo on the west side of Douglas Street, south of the I-105 (Century Freeway), between southwest of the Aviation Boulevard Station and northwest of the Mariposa Avenue Station. It would be the fifth station along this segment of the Metro Green Line. It would be an aerial side platform station with handicapped access, stairs, shelter, seating, fare collection machines, and a security system. Parking facilities would not be provided at this station but would be available at the Aviation Boulevard Station.

In November 1993, the MTA Board authorized environmental and preliminary engineering work on the proposed Del Norte station. The purpose of the preliminary engineering work is to accurately determine costs for the construction of the station. The project is to be funded from a combination of public and private contributions. The resulting construction cost will be provided to the City of El Segundo and participating private funding partners for their use in developing a complete budget.

The 30-day public review of the addendum began on August 26, 1996, and ended on September 25, 1996. There were no comments from participating agencies, other public agencies, and the public. CEQA provides that every development project that is not exempt from compliance with CEQA be analyzed to determine the potential environmental impacts of the project. When an EIR has been certified for a project, no additional EIR is required unless there are substantial changes in the project or the circumstances in which the project will be undertaken, or new information that requires project re-evaluation becomes available. Staff has reviewed the impacts of the proposed station and determined that an addendum to the previously certified EIR is appropriate because some additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in CEQA calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.

### **DBE PARTICIPATION**

Approval of this Addendum is not associated with the award of a contract.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Environmental Impact Report Addendum, Century-El Segundo Extension Rail Transit Project.  
Final Environmental Impact Report, Century-El Segundo Extension Rail Transit Project.

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