

# Chief Planning Officer's Report Countywide Planning & Development

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# Countywide Planning's Proposition 1B Activities

- Governor moving Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) and related Air Quality funds onto a fast track
  - Southern California Consensus is in place
  - Project readiness and local match availability will be key to success
  - Metro staff is monitoring progress at CTC and CARB
  - State Business, Transportation & Housing Department Stakeholder Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in San Bernardino and Long Beach
- Caltrans has released draft Transit Modernization Fund Guidelines
  - Agency comments due October 12, 2007
  - Applications due November 30, 2007 and April 30, 2008
  - FY 2008 allocations may be available as early as January 2008
  - Board action at November Meeting
- SB 88 secured \$150 million in Prop 1B Signalization Funds for the City of Los Angeles
- Legislature gave CTC Prop 1B Intercity Rail funding authority
  - SCRRA is the lead advocate
  - Initial Caltrans program favorable to SCRRA and Southern California
  - CTC to finalize program guidelines and perhaps projects in October 2007

# Countywide Planning's Grants Management Activities

- Executed State grant agreement for \$314.6M of STIP funds for Expo Phase I
- Submitted allocation request to CTC for \$20M of STIP funds for Expo Phase II
- Participated in FTA's New Starts Listening Sessions last month and will be submitting comments by 11/01/07 on proposed new rules for New Starts evaluations
- Received FTA award of \$2 million grant for AA of four corridors -- Crenshaw-Prairie, Regional Connector, Eastside Phase II, Westside Expansion
- Developing project solicitation procedures to award up to \$34 million in Federal JARC and New Freedom funds

# Countywide Planning's Local Programming Activities

- HNTB has completed a Cost/Benefit Assessment of Metro's Funding for Metrolink.
  - We distributed a copy of the Assessment via Board Box on Thursday, October 11, to Board Members for information and comments. We also provided copies to SCRRA and the Member Agencies with a transmittal memo to let them know that we plan to agendaize the Assessment for formal review and recommendations at an upcoming Board meeting.
  - We'll return to the Board in November or January with any recommended next steps.

# Congestion Mitigation Fee - Status Report

- Metro has been working with Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) over the past year
- PAC Meeting – October 30<sup>th</sup> at LA Chamber
- Review and obtain input on Draft Feasibility Study Report for Countywide Mitigation Fee
- Feasibility Study Report builds on the Metro Board adopted Guiding Principles

# Congestion Mitigation Fee Status Report – Next Steps

- Draft Feasibility Study Report will be distributed to stakeholders throughout the County after PAC meeting
  - COGS, Cities, Developer Community, Private Sector, Environmental Groups
- Through further outreach efforts Metro is committed to working with stakeholders
- Return to Metro Board in Spring 2008 for action on Feasibility Study Report and decision on whether to move forward with the program

# 2007 Call for Projects Grant Recipient Workshop

- On October 9th, over 100 Call for Projects sponsors attended two Metro/Caltrans workshops to explain the Call guidelines and the requirements of federal, state and local funding.
- The workshops covered the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement boilerplate agreements, Metro's lapsing policy, scope of work requirements and how to access federal, state and local funds.

# Westside Extension Transit and Crenshaw-Prairie Transit Corridor Scoping Meetings

- Westside Extension Transit Corridor
  - Agency and public scoping meetings are being held from: October 9th-18th
  - Next meetings are scheduled as follows:
    - Beverly Hills Public Library: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 17, 2007
    - Santa Monica Public Library: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 18, 2007
  - End of Comment Period: November 1, 2007
- Crenshaw-Prairie Transit Corridor
  - Agency and public scoping meetings are being held from: October 15th-20th
  - Next meetings are scheduled as follows:
    - Nate Holden Performing Arts Center: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 17, 2007
    - Audubon Middle School: 9-11 a.m. Oct. 20, 2007
  - End of Comment Period: November 5, 2007



# Regional Connector Transit Corridor

- Early Scoping Notice--Anticipated Publish Date: October 12th
- Agency and public Early Scoping meetings are being held: October 30th, Nov. 6th, & Nov. 7th
- Meetings are scheduled as follows:
  - Metro Headquarters: Oct. 30th 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
  - Central Public Library: Nov. 6th 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
  - Japanese Am. Nat'l Museum: Nov. 7th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- End of Comment Period: November 21, 2007

# Eastside Phase II Transit Corridor

- Early Scoping Notice—Anticipated Publish Date:  
October/November, 2007
- Agency and public Early Scoping meetings are being held:  
November 8th, 10th, 14th & 15th
- Meetings are scheduled as follows:
  - Metro Headquarters: Nov. 8th 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
  - Palm Park, Whittier: Nov. 8th 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
  - Montebello Sr. Center: Nov.10th 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
  - Potrero Heights Elementary: Nov. 14th 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
(City of Rosemead)
  - North Park Middle School: Nov. 15th 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
(City of Pico Rivera)