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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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**SUBJECT: I-5 NORTH HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) FROM SR-134 to
SR-118**

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Authorize the combining of two projects: (1) I-5 HOV Lane from SR-134 to SR-170 and (2) I-5 HOV Lane from SR-170 to SR-118 to become the I-5 North High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Corridor from SR-134 to SR-118 consisting of five segments; and
- B. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the authority to make cost neutral fund transfers among the five I-5 North HOV Corridor segments.

ISSUE

The I-5 North HOV Corridor currently consists of two approved projects. Caltrans has requested that we combine these two projects. Once combined, Caltrans proposes to stage the construction as follows: (1) from SR-170 to SR-118; (2) from Buena Vista Street to SR-170; (3) Empire Avenue Interchange; (4) Burbank Boulevard Interchange; and (5) from SR-134 to Magnolia. Attachment A contains Caltrans' request letter. Attachment B shows the location of the five segments composing the corridor.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Through previous actions, MTA programmed \$609.5 million for the I-5 HOV project from SR-134 to SR-170, which is also included in the Measure R Highway Program Expenditure Plan, and \$341.1 million for the I-5 HOV project from SR-170 to SR-118. Because these projects are adjacent and construction contracts will be coordinated and staged as a group, Caltrans is requesting combination of the five segments for the purposes of MTA's funding commitments. By combining the two projects into the I-5

