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**SUBJECT: I-5 NORTH CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT**

**ISSUE**

This status report on the I-5 North Capacity Enhancements Project (I5 NCEP) includes an update on the following:

- A. Construction Contract
- B. Real Estate Acquisitions
- C. Outreach with Local Stakeholders
- D. Schedule and Cash Flow Analysis

**BACKGROUND OR DISCUSSION**

This Measure M North County 13.9-mile project on I-5 from SR-14 to Parker Road was identified for capacity enhancements intended to improve the operations and safety of the corridor, facilitate the movement of freight and people, and to reduce existing and future forecasted congestion due to expected growth in the area. The proposed improvements include the addition of one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction to improve mobility; extension of trucking/freight lanes from Calgrove Blvd. to South of Weldon Canyon in the southbound direction (2.23 miles) and from the Gavin Canyon undercrossing to Calgrove Blvd. in the northbound direction (0.98 miles); auxiliary lanes at various locations along the corridor (2.5 miles); widening of the existing roadway and 7

bridges including the Gavin Canyon Undercrossing, Calgrove Boulevard Undercrossing, Butte Canyon Bridge, Magic Mountain Parkway Undercrossing, Santa Clara Overhead, Rye Canyon Undercrossing, and Castaic Creek Bridge; and the replacement of the Weldon Canyon bridge to accommodate the proposed freeway widening.

**A. Construction Contract:**

Program Management staff have worked closely with Vendor/Contract Management (V/CM) and County Counsel to tailor Metro's transit-oriented contract towards a Caltrans highway-based contract. A final draft of the I-5 NCEP contract was routed in August 2020 to Caltrans, V/CM, County Counsel, and all other vested Metro departments for final approvals. An industry review was also completed during the months of October and early November. An Issue for Bid Solicitation was released on November 6th, with an anticipated bid due date of January 5th, 2021.

**B. Property Acquisitions and Temporary Construction Easements**

All property acquisitions and temporary construction easements (TCE) are resolved. The location and nature of work required for the I5 NCEP resulted in minimal real estate interaction, with only 2 property acquisitions and 16 total TCE's (see Attachment 1).

**C. Outreach with Local Stakeholders**

As the project moves closer to construction, Metro will implement robust communication, notification, and outreach to the local jurisdictions, stakeholders, residents, businesses, commuters, and the public. Metro has developed and continues to build valuable partnerships with local and regional jurisdictions and stakeholders including the County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Clarita, North County Transportation Coalition, Golden State Gateway Coalition, Santa Clarita Economic Development Corporation, and the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**D. Schedule and Cash Flow:**

Staff is preparing for an April 2021 Notice to Proceed (NTP) to the lowest responsive bidder. Currently, the project FY21 budget allocation supports the completion of advanced utility relocation, the award and implementation of the CSSC, establishment of project management office, and Metro labor costs required to maintain the IFB schedule. Construction contract award is to

coincide with current budgetary considerations to allow for mobilization and construction to begin in late FY21, while still meeting the TCEP funding requirement to issue NTP by May 13, 2021. It is anticipated that grants funds and local funding sources will be utilized proportionally for the duration of the project.

### **NEXT STEPS**

1. Receive construction bids January 2021
2. Construction Contract award March 2021
3. Construction Contract NTP April 2021

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1

**I-5 NORTH CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT**  
Summary of ROW Needs

No.	APN	Ownership	Type of ROW Needed	Type of Business/Use	Area (sqft)	
					TCE	ROW Acquisition
1	2861-071-009	Excel Buena Park, LP	TCE	Hotel Under Construction	2,940	
2	2866-009-011	Falstom Family Trust et al	TCE	Sunvair Inc./Landing Gear Overhaul	576	
3	2866-009-042	Jack C. Wilder Trust	TCE	Howard Custom Boat Dealer	1,608	
4	2866-013-098	RIFIII-Avenue Stanford LLC	TCE	Howard Custom Boat Dealer	1,445	
5	2827-028-274	City of Santa Clarita	TCE & ROW Acquisition	Property is vacant	1,578	8.3
6	2826-025-905	Conservancy Authority	TCE & ROW Acquisition	Property is vacant	5,588	767
7	2826-005-028	Newhall Land & Farming Company	TCE	Vacant - owned by Newhall Land & Farming Company	4,233	
8	2826-005-029	Newhall Land & Farming Company	TCE	Vacant - owned by Newhall Land & Farming Company	2,659	
9	2826-005-030	Newhall Land & Farming Company	TCE	Vacant - owned by Newhall Land & Farming Company	3,158	
10	2826-005-801	Pacific Bell	TCE	Existing Industrial Building - owned by Pacific Bell	2,432	
11	2866-034-014	Newhall Land & Farming Company	TCE	Vacant/Common Area Parcel - owned by Newhall Land & Farming Company	12,564	
12	2826-007-062	Newhall Land & Farming Company	TCE	Vacant - owned by Newhall Land & Farming Company	56,871	
12	2826-007-072					
12	2826-006-009					
13	2826-006-901	County Sanitation Dist. No. 4	TCE	Vacant - owned by County Sanitation District No. 4	9,493	
13	2826-006-906					
14	2866-004-909	County of Los Angeles	TCE & Perm Esmt.	Vacant land - Castaic Creek	93,973	
14	2866-004-911					
14	2866-004-912					
15	2861-071-007	G Three Properties LLC	TCE	Restaurant	318	-
16	2861-071-008	Excel Buena Park LP	TCE	Hotel underconstruction	1,098	-