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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNTYWIDE PLANNING

**SUBJECT: DE SOTO AVENUE WIDENING: RONALD REAGAN
FREEWAY TO DEVONSHIRE STREET**

ISSUE

As part of the 2009 Call for Projects (CFP), the Board awarded \$7,498,229 to the City of Los Angeles (City) to widen both directions of De Soto Avenue from the Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118) to Devonshire Street (CFP# F3171). The City committed \$4,037,508 in local matching dollars for a total project cost of \$11,535,737. The approved project description inadvertently stated that De Soto Avenue would be widened to five lanes in each direction rather than the three lanes in each direction as requested by the City in their CFP application. Our intent is to administratively approve the correction, if there are no Board comments by January 6, 2012.

BACKGROUND

The City submitted a 2009 CFP application requesting funding to widen De Soto Avenue from two to three lanes by adding one additional lane in each direction to reduce congestion and maintain a uniform roadway. We evaluated the project based upon the information contained in the application and scored it accordingly. The project description contained in the September 24, 2009 Board report incorrectly reported the number of lanes by which De Soto Avenue would be widened.

NEXT STEPS

The Board approved administrative process provides 10 days for Board comments. Due to the holidays, we are extending the period to January 6, 2012. If there are no Board comments by this date, we will administratively approve the change in project description. Further, we will execute the Letter of Agreement with the City so that the grant funds can be obligated for the project.