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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNTYWIDE PLANNING

SUBJECT: WILSHIRE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

ISSUE

At the November 25, 2010 meeting, the Board approved advancing up to \$2,298,970 to the City of Los Angeles for costs associated with the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The Board also authorized the CEO to enter into contract agreements with the City for up to \$29,541,043 and Los Angeles County for up to \$1,968,957. Total cost of the two contracts is \$31,510,000. This is to notify the Board that based on recent refinements in cost estimates by the two agencies, minor adjustments have been made to agreement amounts for the City and County. Total cost of the two contracts remains unchanged at \$31,510,000.

BACKGROUND

The Wilshire BRT project spans approximately 12.5 miles from just west of downtown Los Angeles at Valencia Street to the Santa Monica city line at Centinela Avenue. Of the 12.5 miles, a number of general improvements would occur on 9.9 miles of Wilshire Boulevard, including 7.7 miles of peak period curbside bus lanes. Total cost of the project is \$31,510,000, with a Federal share of \$23,317,000 and a local match of \$8,193,000.

A majority of the improvements proposed for the corridor are within the City of Los Angeles (9.1 miles). These improvements include: restriping and signing the curb lanes as peak period bus lanes where applicable; selective curb lane reconstruction/repaving; selective street widening; transit priority system enhancements/upgrades; and, implementation of traffic/construction mitigations. A portion of the project corridor is under the County of Los Angeles jurisdiction, between Veteran Avenue and Federal Avenue (0.8 miles). In this area, project activities would include; street widening

between Bonsall Avenue and Federal Avenue; restriping; extension of the eastbound left-turn pocket at Sepulveda Boulevard; and implementing construction mitigations.

In November 2010, the Board authorized the CEO to enter into contracts agreements with the City of Los Angeles for up to \$29,541,043 and Los Angeles County for up to \$1,968,957 for the Wilshire BRT project. Total cost of the two contracts was \$31,510,000. However, based on recent refinements to detailed cost estimates performed by the two agencies, the agreement amounts for each have been adjusted. The City's contract amount will be reduced from \$29,541,043 to \$28,336,855 and the County's amount increased from \$1,968,957 to \$3,173,145. Total cost of the two contracts remains unchanged at \$31,510,000.

NEXT STEPS

Contract agreements with both the City and County of Los Angeles will be executed based on the revised project costs for each. We will also issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to the City of Los Angeles to begin the work and advance \$2,298,970 for project costs.