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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

**SUBJECT: NEW GRANT FUNDED BUS STOP AND BUS STATION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**ACTION: APPROVE LIFE-OF-PROJECT BUDGET FOR BUS STATION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FY10 BUDGET**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. Establish a Life-of-Project (LOP) budget for the Harbor Transitway and El Monte Busway Station Amenities Project, Capital Project #210124, in the amount of \$1,030,644;
- B. Establish a LOP budget for the Bus Stop Information System Improvement Project, Capital Project #202304, in the amount of \$1,150,000; and
- C. Amend the FY10 Budget to add \$70,000 to Project #210124, and \$150,000 to Project #202304, for revenues and expenditures.

RATIONALE

This action will establish a Life of Project (LOP) budget for two federal grant-funded projects. Project #210124, Harbor Transitway and El Monte Busway Station Amenities Project, was allocated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding in the amount of \$1,030,644 through a fund allocation process conducted by the Bus Operations Subcommittee (BOS) in Spring 2009. This project will provide customer amenity improvements, including wayfinding and public art, along the Harbor and El Monte transitways in order to improve customer environments and attract ridership. The improvements will be made to bus stations along the two transitways and local bus stop transfer/interface areas in Downtown Los Angeles for up to 19 locations. The improvements will allow customers to easily identify access points to the new service. The project is anticipated to be completed over a three-year period beginning in FY10.

This action would also establish the LOP budget for Project #202304, Bus Stop Information System Improvement Project that was funded through a discretionary allocation of FY09 FTA Section 5307 - 1% Transit Enhancement Activity (TEA) by BOS and approved by the Board in June 2008. This project will provide new signage, information and lighting amenities at major bus stops within the county improving the customer experience and safety while using Metro bus service. A modular system is

being explored for this project that provides a kit of parts so bus stop signage and amenities can easily be adapted to different locations. The project will be implemented over a three-year period beginning in FY10.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Upon Board approval, \$70,000 in ARRA funding and \$150,000 in TEA 1% required for FY10 activities will be added to the FY10 budget. The ARRA grant funds will be placed in Cost Center 7120, Project #210124. There is no local match requirement for this project. The TEA 1% grant funds will be placed in Cost Center 7160, Project # 202304. Existing FY10 Budget funds from Cost Center 7160 will be used to meet the grant's 25% local match requirement (\$50,000 in FY10). Since these are multi-year projects, the Chief Communications Officer will be responsible for budgeting the expense in future years.

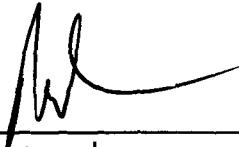
Impact to Bus and Rail Operating and Capital Budget

The funding for this action will come from an ARRA grant for Project #210124, and from a TEA 1% grant that is matched with Proposition C 40% funds (25% local match) for Project #202304. These funds are eligible for bus and rail operating and capital expenditures, but the process of obligating, reprogramming and reobligating the federal funds for other activities will take several months and there is no guarantee that the FTA or BOS will approve the change.

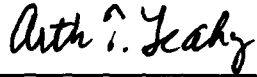
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may choose not to authorize the projects at this time. This alternative is not recommended because it could affect our ability to use the federal funds in the required timeframe to meet the grant deadlines.

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ATTACHMENT A

CP Project #210124

Harbor Transitway & El Monte Busway Transit Station Amenities Project

Dollars in (000s)	FY10	FY11	FY12	Total
Uses of Funds				
Development/Design/Eng.	\$20			\$10
Amenity Fabrication	\$50			\$60
Amenity Installation		\$500	\$461	\$961
Total Project Cost	\$70	\$500	\$461	\$1,031
Sources of Funds				
ARRA	\$70	\$500	\$461	\$1,031
Total Project Funding	\$70	\$500	\$461	\$1,031

CP Project #202304

Bus Stop Information System Improvement Project

Dollars in (000s)	FY10	FY11	FY12	Total
Uses of Funds				
Development/Design/Eng.	\$75			\$75
Fabrication/Installation	\$125	\$500	\$450	\$1,075
Total Project Cost	\$200	\$500	\$450	\$1,150
Sources of Funds				
FTA 5307 1% TEA	\$150	\$375	\$338	\$863
PC40%	\$50	\$125	\$113	\$287
Total Project Funding	\$200	\$500	\$450	\$1,150