

ITEM # 7 – Draft First-Last Mile Strategic Plan

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Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee

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WHEREAS, the Gold Line Foothill 2A and Expo 2 are slated to begin operation in 2015/16; and,

WHEREAS, national research as well as Metro's First/ Last Mile study have demonstrated the importance of extending the reach of transit through development of active transportation options; and,

WHEREAS, according to the 2011 Metro On-Board Survey:

91% of transit riders rely on active transportation networks to access stations; and

- half of all transit riders are transit-dependent, belonging to households that do not own any vehicles; and
- less than 9% of transit riders drive and park at stations and, of those riders, approximately half live close enough to walk or bike to stations; and,

WHEREAS, provision of park and ride lots at all future transit stations is not a viable option as demonstrated by Expo 2 extension due to increasing costs and shortage of developable land; and

WHEREAS, increasing active transportation options supports broader policy directives related to clean air, health, and economic sustainability, and is a key adopted strategic policy in the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) as well as the Metro Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Draft First Last Mile Strategic Plan recognizes the critical link between active transportation networks and transit ridership; proposes the implementation of "Path networks" to create intuitive, safe and recognizable routes to and from transit stations; and includes a toolkit of strategies to be implemented in partnership with cities along these routes; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the Gold Line Foothill 2A and Expo 2 provides an opportunity to pilot the concepts and assess the benefits of implementing the First Last Mile Strategic Plan in different types of urban environments, while also encouraging the early success of these lines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Board of Directors directs the CEO to report back in February 2014 with the following:

Identification of two stations for each line which would benefit from implementation of First/Last improvements based on recommendations outlined in Metro's first/last mile study

Identification of funding to implement the improvements including working with jurisdictions to utilize and/or supplement existing Call funding without impact to other transit lines

Coordination and further development of design concepts to prototype a seamless regional First/Last Mile vision for potential implementation at other transit line stations including Crenshaw, Regional Connector and the Westside Subway