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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH THE BORING COMPANY

Issue

After learning that The Boring Company requested an excavation permit from the City of Los Angeles and are seeking an environmental categorical exclusion for the tunnel, I requested a meeting with The Boring Company staff to ensure that their project would not impact Metro's Measure M voter-approved Sepulveda Transit Corridor project. Metro executive staff and I met with staff from The Boring Company earlier this week to discuss their future tunneling plans including the company's Proof of Concept tunnel under Sepulveda Boulevard.

Discussion

Metro and The Boring Company had a good meeting at Metro headquarters to better understand our respective goals and how our tunneling projects can coexist. They provided a presentation of their tunneling plans including how the operation would work using Tesla vehicles that would carry up to 16 people. We agreed to cooperate through our respective planning and engineering efforts to ensure that our projects are compatible. They made a general commitment to work with us on all of their tunneling projects moving forward to ensure that they do not impact Metro projects. We also discussed what a Metro signoff of their project plans would look like going forward.

We identified smaller working groups for our teams, i.e., Planning, Engineering, Communications, and Coordination with City partners, that will meet to discuss:

- Location of their Proof of Concept tunnel including tunneling depth, proximity to Metro projects, Metro's underground foundations, etc.
- Future Boring Company tunneling beyond this Proof of Concept venture and whether their overall plans going forward impact Metro in any way.
- Communications and messaging coordination.
- Coordination among all parties including Metro, The Boring Company and city partners

Next Steps

I plan to reconvene the larger group again soon following the small working group meetings.

It is my belief that our collective efforts at delivering transportation innovation across the region can be best optimized through a continued partnership with The Boring Company and working towards how we can best meet the needs of the people of Los Angeles County.

I will keep the Board apprised of our collaboration with The Boring Company as it evolves.