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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: MTA CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF PASADENA'S DEL MAR TRANSPORTATION CENTER TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT LOCAL MATCH

ISSUE:

This is an information item to advise MTA Board Members that MTA staff has reclassified a portion of MTA's Metro Pasadena Blue Line Project's Del Mar Property expenditure so that it may be counted as a local match by the City of Pasadena (City) in a grant application. Although no additional funds will be expended by this action, the City will use \$600,000 of the MTA's property purchase price to meet the 50% local match requirement for the Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) grant secured by the City for the design of the Del Mar Transportation Center. The Transportation Center will be consistent with the City's Vision Plan for the Del Mar Station area. The Transportation Center will also be partially located on both MTA property and property to be acquired by the City.

BACKGROUND:

In 1995, the MTA purchased a 2.5-acre site within the City from the Catellus Corporation for the Pasadena Blue Line Del Mar Station. The City had previously obtained \$600,000 in TCI state funding to design a transportation center at the Del Mar station site. The Transportation Center's development plan includes a 600-space parking structure, eight bus bays, and internal off-street circulation. This \$600,000 state grant requires \$600,000 in local match.

During the executive session at the July 1995 Meeting, the MTA Board authorized staff to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City to jointly develop the Del Mar station and the Transportation Center consistent with the City's adopted Vision Plan. The MOU negotiations have been deferred as a result of the Pasadena Blue Line cost containment deliberations. MTA staff and the City expect to conclude negotiations within the next 60 days. The MTA is the lead agency for the Metro Pasadena Blue Line, and the City is the lead agency for the Transportation Center.

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Although the Transportation Center and the Blue Line are separate and distinct projects, the Transportation Center will be a joint venture among the City, MTA, and the State. The project will be partially constructed on property MTA purchased on April 1993 for the light rail station, and partially on adjacent property to be acquired by the City. Therefore, MTA staff has assigned \$600,000 of the \$5.5 million Catellus property purchase cost to be used by the City as a local match for the state TCI grant to be used for the design of the Transportation Center.

After receiving the MTA Board's conceptual concurrence on the Vision Plan in July 1995, the City authorized design of the Transportation Center to begin, and to be funded by a state TCI grant and matching local funds. The state requires that the City, or the MTA, commit this \$600,000 as local matching funds before it could reimburse the City for design expenses incurred. Since the MTA property will be used for the Transportation Center, MTA staff committed \$600,000 of the \$5.5 million Catellus property purchase value to the City to be used as a local match to the state TCI grant. This expenditure is not required to match the MTA state grants on the Metro Pasadena Blue Line Project because the MTA has \$28.3 million in overmatch available after matching the state grants at the 50% level. This commitment did not require any new MTA financial contribution for the Transportation Center project.

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