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EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2018

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION AGREEMENTS

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to execute Memorandums of Understanding with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for its regional multi-modal planning efforts.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Staff Analysis - Metro, RCTC and OCTA Regional Planning and Coordination Efforts
Attachment B - MOU with Riverside County Transportation Commission
Attachment C - MOU with Orange County Transportation Authority

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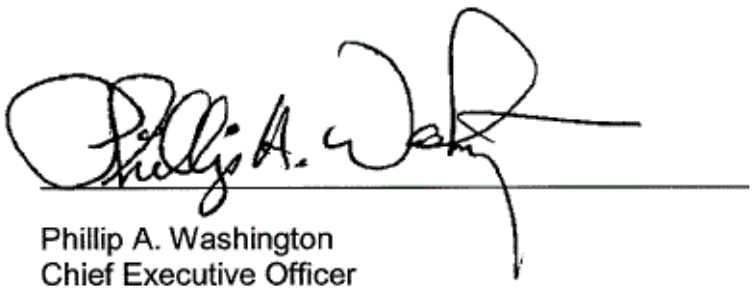

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ISSUE

As Metro's projects and programs continue to expand due to the investment of local funds by county taxpayers and with the passage of SB 1, it is more incumbent upon Metro to work at the regional level to ensure that transportation planning for the region as a whole maximizes our investments in the transportation system and ensures connectivity across county lines.

DISCUSSION

Many of the projects pursued by Metro and our neighboring counties provide regional benefit and they rely on the counties working collaboratively. These partnerships are important and should be expanded to include planning activities for the various projects and services provided by Metro and other counties in Southern California.

The connections between Los Angeles County, and, our neighboring counties are indivisible and should be seamless for the commuting public. Our partner and neighbor agencies also share planning responsibilities similar to those of Metro. The connections between our counties help facilitate the ability of people to get to work, help businesses get to markets and help tourists access the world class tourist experiences in Southern California.

For example, Metro's Express Lanes program has proven to be of benefit to not just Los Angeles County's residents but to those of our neighboring counties. As this system grows it will be more proximate to our neighboring counties. The toll operators in Southern California have established cooperative working relationships to ensure ease of use for commuters.

Under the leadership of our immediate past Chair Eric Garcetti, Metro has engaged in discussions with the RCTC and OCTA to identify opportunities to collaborate and coordinate the collective efforts of our transportation agencies. As a result of those discussions it was identified that these cooperative relationships should be memorialized in Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the Los Angeles and Orange and Riverside County transportation agencies. These MOUs establish the agreement of the respective agencies to collaborate on projects and programs between our counties. The MOUs further provide that each agency will coordinate with Caltrans and SCAG on regional intercounty transportation efforts as well as partnering with each

other on possible joint Federal and State funding opportunities for multi-county projects and efforts. These efforts could include freight projects and projects associated with the Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Complex.

The attached MOUs are the result of our collaborative discussions and identify the general areas of cooperation between all three agencies.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

There is no determined safety impact due to the enactment of the proposed MOUs.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could decide not to execute the MOUs, however, staff does not recommend this approach since the MOUs provide a basis for increased collaboration among the agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to executing the MOUs.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA)
AND
RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC)

WHEREAS, LACMTA is the transportation coordinator, designer, builder and operator in Los Angeles County, California;

WHEREAS, RCTC is the transportation coordinator, funding agency, designer and builder of regional transportation infrastructure, and operator of express lanes and commuter rail stations in Riverside County, California;

WHEREAS, Los Angeles and Riverside Counties are indivisibly connected by a multi-modal transportation system that connects people to employment, businesses to markets, and tourists to world class experiences;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Provide annual reports to each board that highlights planning and coordination efforts between both agencies for the following transportation efforts:

   a. Daily intercity rail service between Los Angeles and the Coachella Valley;
   b. Commuter rail connectivity coordination and planning efforts;
   c. Olympics and special events transportation coordination efforts;
   d. Infrastructure and community mitigations in both counties related to goods movement to and from the Ports of L.A. and Long Beach;

2. Coordinate with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on regional intercounty transportation planning efforts, including the express lanes network.

3. Partnering on possible joint Federal and State grant and funding opportunities for multi-county transportation projects, such as a goods movement joint agreement and planning efforts, including but not limited to Ports of L.A./Long Beach, LACMTA, RCTC.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING has been executed on this 29 day of June, 2018, and shall remain in effect for a period of five years, unless this Memorandum of Understanding is earlier terminated or extended by a further writing executed by the undersigned parties.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

By: _____

Eric Garcetti

LACMTA Chair

By: _____

Dana Reed

RCTC Chair

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WHEREAS, LACMTA is the transportation coordinator, designer, builder and operator in Los Angeles County, California

WHEREAS, OCTA is the transportation coordinator, designer, builder and operator in Orange County, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Provide annual reports to each board that highlights planning and coordination efforts between both agencies for the following transportation efforts:

a. ExpressLanes/Manage Lanes coordination and planning efforts
b. Transit connectivity coordination and planning efforts
c. Olympics and Stadium special events transportation coordination efforts

2. Coordinate with Caltrans and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on regional intercounty transportation planning efforts.

3. Partnering on possible joint Federal and State grant and funding opportunities for multi-county transportation projects.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING has been executed on this 2nd day of December 2017, and shall remain in effect for a period of years, unless this Memorandum of Understanding is earlier terminated or extended by a further writing executed by the undersigned parties.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

By: _____

Eric Garcetti

LACMTA Chair

By: _____

Mike Hennessy

OCTA CHair