

**Board Report**

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 19, 2022****SUBJECT: SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR****ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION****RECOMMENDATION**

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Modification No. 2 to Contract No. AE67085000, Sepulveda Transit Corridor Environmental Review and Conceptual Engineering, with HTA Partners, a joint venture between HNTB Corporation, Terry A. Hayes Associates Inc., and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$4,723,199 to include additional environmental review, increasing the total contract value from \$48,304,067 to \$53,027,266.

**ISSUE**

At its August 2020 meeting the Board approved the award of the above contract for environmental analysis and advanced conceptual engineering (ACE) design services for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (Legistar File 2020-0296). Informed by the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Feasibility Study, which concluded in 2019, the environmental contract specified the clearance of three alternatives.

Subsequently, in March 2021 (Legistar File 2021-0072), the Board approved the award of Pre-Development Agreements (PDA) with two contractor teams for the further definition and design development of their transit alternatives. In August 2021, a Notice to Proceed was issued to these teams that has resulted in five PDA alternatives being carried forward for environmental study. In addition, elements from the Feasibility Study that were not proposed by either PDA team were incorporated into a sixth alternative for environmental review. Negotiations for this contract modification have been conducted concurrently with the definition of these alternatives by the PDA and environmental teams following the issuance of the Notices to Proceed in August 2021.

Board action is required to execute a contract modification for the additional work needed to conduct environmental review for six project alternatives. Attachment A shows the general alignments of the alternatives.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved the Measure M Expenditure Plan, which included transit improvements between the San Fernando Valley, the Westside, and the Los Angeles

International Airport (LAX). The Measure provides for the implementation of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project in two phases: the first segment between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside and a second segment extension to LAX.

Metro conducted the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Feasibility Study between 2017 and 2019 that identified three feasible heavy rail alternatives and one feasible monorail alternative between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. The Board received the findings of the study in 2019 (Legistar File 2019-0759).

The current study alternatives include both monorail and heavy rail technologies and range between 14 and 16 miles in length. From north to south these routes all connect the Van Nuys Metrolink Station, Metro G Line (Orange), future Metro D Line (Purple) and Metro E Line (Expo).

The project began the CEQA environmental clearance process on November 30, 2021 and the scoping period will extend from November 30, 2021 through February 11, 2022.

## **DISCUSSION**

This Board Action will facilitate the technical work needed to further define environmental impacts. The environmental clearance of the project should be conducted by a single environmental contractor team to ensure consistency in the level of environmental review across all alternatives. The recommended Board Action would also avoid any delays associated with procuring a separate contractor to environmentally clear the three additional alternatives.

Expanding the number of alternatives studied ensures that the agency is rigorously exploring and objectively evaluating a reasonable range of alternatives to identify a transportation solution that meets the project's purpose and need. Adding additional alternatives will result in detailed descriptions of environmental impacts for each of the alternatives and allow the Board and the public to consider their comparative merits.

Existing Contract No. AE67085000 with HTA Partners was effective September 21, 2020. The execution of Contract Modification No. 2 will allow the contractor to conduct environmental review for the six alternatives.

As described in the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report, the six alternatives entering the environmental review process are as follows:

- Alternative 1: monorail with aerial alignment in I-405 corridor and electric bus connection to UCLA
- Alternative 2: monorail with aerial alignment in I-405 corridor and aerial automated people mover connection to UCLA
- Alternative 3: monorail with aerial alignment in I-405 corridor and underground alignment between Getty Center and Wilshire BI
- Alternative 4: heavy rail with underground alignment south of Ventura BI and aerial alignment generally along Sepulveda BI in the San Fernando Valley
- Alternative 5: heavy rail with underground alignment including along Sepulveda BI in the San Fernando Valley

- Alternative 6: heavy rail with entirely underground alignment including along Van Nuys Bl in the San Fernando Valley and southern terminus station on Bundy Dr

### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

The environmental study and design phase will not impact the safety of our customers and/or employees.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The FY 2021-2022 budget includes \$14,135,573 in Cost Center 4360 (Mobility Corridors Team 3), Project 460305 to support environmental clearance, ACE, and associated outreach. Since this is a multi-year program, the Cost Center Manager and Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting in future years.

#### Impact to Budget

The sources of funds are Measure R 35% and Measure M 35% Transit Construction funds. These funds are not eligible for bus and/or rail operating expenses.

### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

HTA has made, and would continue to make through Modification No. 2, a 20.61% Small Business Enterprise Program (SBE) commitment and a 3.02% Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) commitment. Difference between percentage committed and current participation reflects early stages of work completion and does not suggest a shortfall.

The project team will continue to listen to community input and concerns and collect stakeholder feedback to inform the project. As public health guidelines evolve, the outreach team (inclusive of the outreach contractor) will build from successful strategies from the Feasibility Study and develop a broad range of activities, including booths at community events, outreach at transit stations and stops, bilingual online surveys and webinars, collaboration with community-based and faith-based organizations, and coordination with elected officials representing the communities throughout the project area. Efforts will be targeted to Equity Focus Communities within and beyond the study area, to veterans and students accessing the West LA Veterans Affairs Medical Center and UCLA campuses and to current and potential future transit riders.

During the public scoping period, the project aims to achieve the following engagement goals: (1) comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for public engagement; (2) execute a robust engagement program in accordance with Metro's 2019 Public Participation Plan, Title VI, and ADA compliance requirements; (3) increase project awareness along the project study area, regionally and within nearby Equity Focus Communities; (4) encourage the public to provide formal comments on the scope of the environmental document during the 74-day public comment period in writing, via the project comment form, project email, US mail, providing an oral comment during public scoping meetings, or by calling the project helpline; and (5) increase participation of Equity Focus Communities, transit riders and individuals with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency speakers by engaging them at community events, organization briefings, targeted social

and traditional media outlets, and bilingual (English/Spanish) collateral materials.

Metro Community Relations is committed to providing an extensive summary of engagement and marketing metrics. Engagement efforts will be summarized as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project will support the first goal of the Vision 2028 Metro Strategic Plan by providing high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling. Travel times for the Feasibility Study alternatives are less than 30 minutes Valley-Westside (from the Ventura County Metrolink Line in the north to the E Line (Expo) in the south), and less than 40 minutes for Valley-Westside-LAX (from Metrolink to the future Airport Metro Connector station). This performance is highly competitive with travel by car on the I-405 freeway.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board could choose not to approve the recommendation. This would interrupt work on the project and delay the schedule.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon Board approval, staff will execute Contract Modification No. 2 to Contract No. AE67085000 with HTA Partners to provide environmental clearance on three additional alternatives for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A - General Alignments of the Alternatives
- Attachment B - Procurement Summary
- Attachment C - Contract Modification/Change Order Log
- Attachment D - DEOD Summary

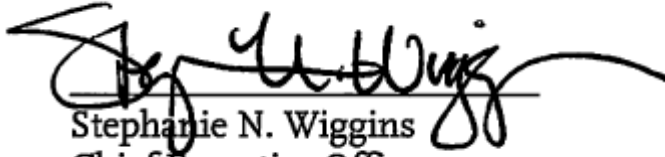
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Alternative 1 (Monorail)



Alternative 2 (Monorail)



Alternative 3 (Monorail)



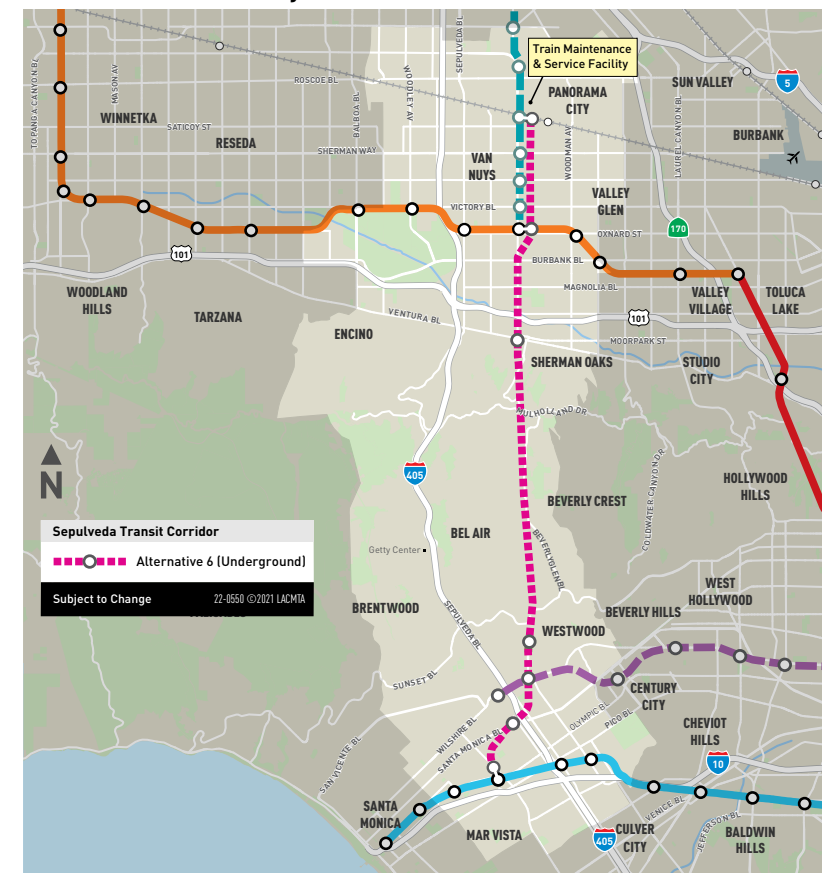
Alternative 4 (Heavy Rail)



Alternative 5 (Heavy Rail)



Alternative 6 (Heavy Rail)



- Metro Rail Lines & Stations
- Metro Busway & Stations
- Metro Purple (D Line) Extension Transit Project (Under Construction)
- East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Line (Pre-construction)
- Amtrak/Metroink Line & Stations

## PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
AND CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING/AE67085000

1.	<b>Contract Number:</b> AE67085000		
2.	<b>Contractor:</b> HTA Partners Joint Venture (HNTB Corporation, Terry A. Hayes Associates Inc. and AECOM Technical Services, Inc.)		
3.	<b>Mod. Work Description:</b> Environmental review of three additional alternatives.		
4.	<b>Contract Work Description:</b> Environmental review and conceptual engineering.		
5.	<b>The following data is current as of:</b> 11/22/21		
6.	<b>Contract Completion Status</b>		<b>Financial Status</b>
	<b>Contract Awarded:</b>	9/21/20	<b>Contract Award Amount:</b> \$48,304,067
	<b>Notice to Proceed (NTP):</b>	9/21/20	<b>Total of Modifications Approved:</b> \$0
	<b>Original Complete Date:</b>	11/21/24	<b>Pending Modifications (including this action):</b> \$4,723,199
	<b>Current Est. Complete Date:</b>	11/21/24	<b>Current Contract Value (with this action):</b> \$53,027,266
7.	<b>Contract Administrator:</b> Lily Lopez		<b>Telephone Number:</b> (213) 922-4639
8.	<b>Project Manager:</b> Peter Carter		<b>Telephone Number:</b> (213) 922-7480

**A. Procurement Background**

This Board Action is to approve Contract Modification No. 2 issued in support of environmental review of three additional alternatives for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. The Contractor shall begin work on the environmental process and shall support the advancement of the Pre-Development Agreement (PDA) process.

This Contract Modification will be processed in accordance with Metro's Acquisition Policy and the contract type is firm fixed price. All other terms and conditions remain in effect.

On September 21, 2020, the Board awarded firm fixed price Contract No. AE67085000 in the amount of \$48,304,067 to HTA Partners Joint Venture in support of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor environmental review and advanced conceptual engineering design services.

One modification has been issued to date.

Refer to Attachment C – Contract Modification/Change Order Log.

**B. Cost Analysis**

The recommended price of \$4,723,199 has been determined to be fair and reasonable based upon an independent cost estimate (ICE), cost analysis, technical analysis and negotiations. All labor rates remain unchanged from the original contract award. Staff successfully negotiated a savings of \$832,364.

<b>Proposal Amount</b>	<b>Metro ICE</b>	<b>Negotiated Amount</b>
\$5,555,563	\$4,786,072	\$4,723,199



**CONTRACT MODIFICATION/CHANGE ORDER LOG**  
**SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**  
**AND CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING/AE67085000**

<b>Mod. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status (approved or pending)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
1	Revised Scope of Services to clarify Task 5 - DEIS and DEIR preparation circulation, review and approvals	Approved	11/30/20	\$0.00
2	Environmental review of three additional alternatives.	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>\$4,723,199</b>
	<b>Modification Total:</b>			<b>\$4,723,199</b>
	<b>Original Contract:</b>	<b>Approved</b>		<b>\$48,304,067</b>
	<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$53,027,266</b>

## DEOD SUMMARY

## SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR/AE67085001

**A. Small Business Participation**

HTA Partners, A Joint venture between HNTB Corporation, SB, Terry A. Hayes Associates Inc., and AECOM Technical Services made a 20.61% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and a 3.02% Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) commitment. The project is 9% complete and the current level of participation is 13.17% SBE and 2.51% DVBE, representing a shortfall of 7.45% and 0.52%, respectively.

Although, the project is in the early stages of completion, HTA Partners contends that a considerable amount of the SBE/DVBE participation will be accomplished during the Task 7 efforts. Task 7 began in earnest on July 1, 2021 and is on-going. HTA Partners have also included eight (8) SBE subcontractors and two (2) DVBE subcontractors in this modification (Mod. 2), representing 37.95% SBE participation and 4.42% DVBE participation for this modification.

Nonetheless, Metro's Project Management and Contract Administration teams will continue to work with the Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) to monitor contract progress at key milestones (i.e., 50%, 75% and 90% contract completion) to ensure that HTA Partners meets or exceeds its small business commitments.

<b>Small Business Commitment</b>	<b>SBE 20.61% DVBE 3.02%</b>	<b>Small Business Participation</b>	<b>SBE 13.17% DVBE 2.51%</b>
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	<b>SBE Subcontractors</b>	<b>% Committed</b>	<b>Current Participation<sup>1</sup></b>
1.	A/E Tech LLC	0.52%	0.00%
2.	Cityworks Design dba Lisa Padilla	0.88%	0.00%
3.	Connetics Transportation Group, Inc.	0.37%	0.16%
4.	D'Leon Consulting Engineers Corp.	2.51%	0.24%
5.	Epic Land Solutions, Inc.	0.20%	0.00%
6.	Fariba Nation Consulting	0.20%	0.00%
7.	Geospatial Professional Solutions, Inc. dba GPSI	1.33%	0.76%
8.	LKG-CMC, Inc.	0.84%	0.48%
9.	Paleo Solutions	0.07%	0.00%
10.	Suenram & Associates, Inc.	1.45%	1.46%

11.	Terry A. Hayes Associates, Inc. (JV-P)	10.96%	9.40%
12.	Vicus LLC	0.46%	0.00%
13.	Wagner Engineering & Survey, Inc.	0.81%	0.67%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20.61%</b>	<b>13.17%</b>

	<b>DVBE Subcontractors</b>	<b>% Committed</b>	<b>Current Participation<sup>1</sup></b>
1.	Conaway Geomatics	1.16%	2.51%
2.	MA Engineering	0.97%	0.00%
3.	OhanaVets, Inc.	0.89%	0.00%
4.	Environmental Review Partners	Added	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3.02%</b>	<b>2.51%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Current Participation = Total Actual amount Paid-to-Date to DBE firms ÷ Total Actual Amount Paid-to-date to Prime.

#### **B. Living Wage and Service Contract Worker Retention Policy Applicability**

A review of the current service contract indicates that the Living Wage and Service Contract Worker Retention Policy (LW/SCWRP) was not applicable at the time of award. Therefore, the LW/SCWRP is not applicable to this modification.

#### **C. Prevailing Wage Applicability**

Prevailing wage is not applicable to this modification.

#### **D. Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy**

Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy is not applicable to this Contract. Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy is applicable only to construction contracts that have a construction contract value in excess of \$2.5 million.



We're exploring alternatives to the 405.  
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SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

# Recommendation

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# Project Overview

- > Up to 16.2 miles in length
- > Up to nine (9) stations, with connections at:
  - Metrolink Ventura County Line
  - East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor
  - Metro G Line (Orange)
  - D Line (Purple)
  - E Line (Expo)
- > Evaluating six (6) alternatives
- > Northern terminus station near the Van Nuys Metrolink/Amtrak Station and a southern terminus station near the Metro E Line





# General Alignments of the Alternatives

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Subject to Change 11/20/2018

# Project Consistency with Agency Goals & Near Term Next Steps

- > Project is consistent with Metro's Equity Platform Framework
  - Rapid Equity Assessment tool was reviewed and approved by Metro's Office of Equity and Race
- > Project is aligned with Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan goals
  - Goal #1 – Provide high quality mobility options that will enable people to spend less time traveling
- > Project scoping for the environmental review phase began on November 30, 2021 and will continue through February 11, 2022