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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF PROJECT ALTERNATIVES FOR
PHASE 2**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File list of Phase 2 project alternatives that emerged during the Public Scoping Process and will go through the initial screening process.

SUMMARY

The next step in the Phase 2 environmental process is to conduct an initial screening of alternatives that were included in the original Notice of Intent (NOI) for the project and those that emerged through the Public Scoping process. These alternatives will be assessed to determine which are most likely to meet the purpose and need of the project. A final list of alternatives that will be taken through the full environmental review process will be brought back to the Expo Board.

DISCUSSION

The following alternatives were originally described in the NOI that was published in the Federal Register before the Scoping Process began:

1. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the Exposition Right-of-Way
2. Light Rail Transit (LRT) in the Exposition Right-of-Way
3. Light Rail Transit (LRT) in the Venice/Sepulveda Right-of-Way

The following are a list of alternatives that emerged during the Public Scoping Process:

1. LRT on Venice Blvd. to Venice Beach
2. LRT on Venice Blvd. to Lincoln Blvd. in Santa Monica
3. A network of LRT services branching out on Culver Blvd., Washington Blvd., Pico Blvd., and Santa Monica Blvd.
4. LRT on streets other than Venice including Culver Blvd., Washington Blvd., Pico Blvd., and Santa Monica Blvd.
5. Monorail on the Exposition Right-of-Way or Venice/Sepulveda
6. Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) on the Exposition Right-of-Way and Venice/Sepulveda

The initial screening process will look at all of the alternatives listed above and will assess the viability and feasibility of these alternatives using the following criteria:

- **Effectiveness:** the potential of the alternative to improve mobility and regional connectivity, meeting the purpose and need of the project consistent with the enabling legislation
- **Environmental Impacts:** the potential of the alternative to protect and enhance the environment
- **Cost:** the affordability and cost-effectiveness of the proposed alternative in terms of both capital and operating costs
- **Transit Supportive Land Use:** the level of existing and future transit supportive development and economic development

The initial screening results and recommendation of the final alternatives that will be carried into the DEIS/DEIR, will be brought back to the Expo Board. FTA concurrence on the final list of alternatives to be studied is also required. The alternatives that are included in the full environmental review process will be subject to more detailed scrutiny and review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

NEXT STEPS

The list of alternatives that survive the initial screening process and will be carried into the DEIS/DEIR process will be brought back to the Expo Board.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None