

# Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WILLOWBROOK/ROSA PARKS STATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-26)**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Project (Project) in Los Angeles County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission accept the ND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project involves the acquisition of station area property for the purposes of making improvements to the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station to: 1) improve safety and circulation between the various modes; 2) improve access from surrounding uses to the station; 3) improve transit patron experience; and 4) increase the sense of security. The station consists of the Metro Blue and Green lines and a major bus and shuttle depot.

On October 14, 2015, the LACMTA adopted the final ND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

On April 6, 2016, the LACMTA confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work and programming by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$66,658,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds (\$2,909,000), Federal TIGER VI Funds (\$10,250,000), Proposition C Funds (\$50,249,000), Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credits (MSRC) (\$2,500,000) and In-Kind Funds (\$750,000). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Attachments

- Resolution E-16-26
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 07 – Los Angeles County Resolution E-16-26

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the LACMTA has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project involves the acquisition of station area property for the purposes of making improvements to the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station to 1) improve safety and circulation between the various modes; 2) improve access from surrounding uses to the station; 3) improve transit patron experience; and 4) increase the sense of security; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the station consists of the Metro Blue and Green lines and a major bus and shuttle depot; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the project is located at the intersection of Interstate 105 (I-105) and South Wilmington Avenue in Willowbrook, an unincorporated community of Los Angeles County; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the project site is comprised of parcels that extend just north of the I-105 bounded by Imperial Highway, South Wilmington Avenues on the western edge, South Willowbrook Avenue on the eastern edge, and extending south to include approximately 1.5 acres of the Kenneth Hahn Plaza Shopping Center site; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.8 **WHEREAS**, the LACMTA found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.9 **WHEREAS**, the LACMTA approved the Negative Declaration.
- 2.0 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.