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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

SUBJECT: Monthly Update on the Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) Project

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

Significant progress continues to be made to advance the ITC Project. The following provides a brief summary of updates, activities and milestones.

Procurement

The ITC team continues to refine the solicitation documents and engage the three pre-qualified proposing teams. The team conducted in-person meetings with each of the teams on January 18-19, 2023 to discuss their alternative technical concepts and discuss questions and comments on the draft request for proposals (RFP). The team continues to provide responses to developer teams' questions on a rolling basis, issue white papers on core aspects of the agreement structure and update the solicitation documents.

The team released feedback to proposers as part of the second round of alternative technical concepts on February 2, 2023. The team also released a revised version 2 of the RFP (focusing on changes to Volume 2 and various other provisions) on February 7, 2023.

Environmental Analysis

In compliance with the National Environmental Project Act, the Environmental Assessment was released for Public Comment from October 14, 2022 to November 14, 2022. The public comment period closed with no opposition to the ITC Project. The City Council received and filed comments and affirmed the Locally Preferred Project Alternative on November 22, 2022. The team continues to work with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with the goal of finalizing the Finding of No Significant Impact by the end of February.

Real Estate

The ITC team continues to make preparations for the acquisition of all permanent and temporary real property and easements needed for the construction and operation of the ITC Project, as well as to facilitate the relocation of businesses currently operating on the required property.

The JPA Board will have the opportunity to receive and file the Relocation Plan that will guide the relocation process for impacted businesses during the February meeting, prior to its formal adoption by the Inglewood City Council; the public hearing to take up this matter is scheduled for March 14, 2023. The Real Estate Policies, which were received and filed at the November Board meeting, were considered by the City Council on December 20, 2022.

The team has also begun sending out Notices of Decision to Appraise letters to initial properties that are required in order to construct the Project. The letters do not commit the City to acquiring the property.

Project Development with FTA

As part of the Project Development phase, in pursuit of Entry into Engineering, and subsequently, a Full Funding Grant Agreement, the team participated in a Risk Workshop with representatives about from the FTA and the Project Management Oversight Committee from February 7-9, 2023, which focused on reviewing scope risks, the project alignment, the schedule, cost, and risk mitigation. This is a critical step in the FTA's determination as to whether the Project can enter into the Engineering Phase of the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) process.

Funding

On January 31, 2023, the City received notice of award of a \$407 million grant from the State's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Program, the full amount requested. This funding is contingent upon the project receiving a credible rating from the FTA and receiving Entry into Engineering. With now over \$750 million secured for the project, this grant marks a major milestone and is critical to demonstrating that the Project has the required non-Federal match required to secure a CIG, and moreover, fully funding the Project.

Governance

The Project Leadership continues to facilitate a phased governance transition from the City to the JPA, which is detailed in the Governance Transition Plan. The JPA Board will be asked to consider executing a Master Cooperative Agreement between the City and the JPA at the March 2023 board meeting which further outlines each entities' roles and responsibilities as the ITC Project moves forward, with a focus on the design and construction phase.