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 individual meetings with the teams on February 16, 2023, February 23, 2023, March 8, 2023 and March 9, 2023 to discuss their alternative technical concepts and questions and comments on the draft request for proposals (RFP). The ITC team continues to provide responses to the developer teams’ questions on a rolling basis, issue white papers on core aspects of the agreement structure and update the solicitation documents. The team is now targeting a summer release of the final Request for Proposals.

**Environmental Analysis**

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Assessment was released for Public Comment from October 14, 2022 to November 14, 2022. The Inglewood City Council received and filed 29 comments and affirmed the Locally Preferred Project Alternative on November 22, 2022. On March 16, 2023, the City of Inglewood (City) received a Finding of No Significant Impact from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Based on feedback from community members and the further vetting of ideas that were identified during the feedback sessions from the prequalified bidders and during FTA-required risk reduction process, staff has analyzed the feasibility of relocating the Maintenance and Storage Facility from its currently proposed location, which would be adjacent to a newly constructed Vons Supermarket, on the site of the existing market and shopping center, to be integrated into and adjacent to the Market Street station. The facility would be fully enclosed and designed in a manner that would optimize safe and efficient ingress and egress to the station.
itself. The analysis has determined that the facility could be sited at the Market Street Station and could be evaluated through a CEQA addendum process. The preservation of the Vons directly responds to stakeholder requests. The total duration of construction is expected to be approximately 5 months shorter than the construction at the approved location. The analysis demonstrates that the proposed modifications do not result in any new significant impacts nor any substantial increase in the severity of any significant impacts identified in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The proposed change to preserve the VONS site and to integrate the MSF with the downtown Inglewood station is being shared publicly, including at an Open House on the ITC Project scheduled for March 29, 2023 from 4:30-6:30PM at the Inglewood Senior Center. The addendum to the EIR is being prepared for the Inglewood City Council consideration, and staff is now approaching the FTA to determine the level of additional review that will be required in compliance with NEPA.

**Real Estate**

The ITC team continues to prepare for the acquisition of all permanent and temporary property interests needed for the construction and operation of the ITC Project, as well as the relocation of businesses currently operating on the required property. To date, the ITC team has contacted all property owners and all business owners located on property that will be acquired in full for the Market Street Station, the Hardy Street Station, and at the corner of Market Street and Manchester Avenue, to notify them of the Project and their rights. Each business that will be relocated at these sites has been assigned a relocation agent, and most of the impacted businesses are in active discussions with their relocation agent to determine their relocation needs and conduct the furniture, fixtures, and equipment appraisals. In addition, the ITC team’s consultants are in discussions with all of the property owners at these locations and have begun the real estate appraisal process for these properties.

The JPA Board has received and filed the Relocation Plan that will guide the relocation process for impacted businesses during the February meeting; the Relocation Plan will be taken up by the Inglewood City Council on April 4, 2023. The City continues to conduct robust outreach with the community at large, and will reach out to local businesses to participate at an Open House on the ITC Project scheduled for March 29, 2023 from 4:30-6:30PM. The City will continue to host meetings and workshops to discuss and answer questions about acquisition and relocation activities.

**Business Support Programs and Complementary Downtown Revitalization Efforts**

In addition to working directly with each business that must be relocated for the Project to support their relocation effort and compensate them consistent with State and Federal requirements, staff is also working on the establishment of a Business Assistance Fund, to be operational once construction begins, to provide grants to businesses on or near the alignment whose businesses have been impacted due to construction activities.
The team is also working with the City of Inglewood to plan a complementary program to provide grants to businesses and property owners for façade and tenant improvements. Grants will target Market Street, and potentially be able to serve businesses relocated by the Project.

**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 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. In addition, the City is preparing to submit for a formal rating on the project as part of the request to Enter into Engineering.

**Funding**

On January 31, 2023, the City received notice of award of $407 million through the California State Transit Agency’s Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Program. 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, the City can demonstrate the availability of the non-Federal match required to secure a CIG. The City is now working actively with FTA to update rating submittal in the next few weeks to reflect various project updates.

**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 today’s meeting which further outlines each entities’ roles and responsibilities as the ITC Project moves forward, with a focus on the design and construction phase.