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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit
FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director
DATE: April 12, 2017
SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE CORRIDOR**

Public comments on items on the agenda will be taken at the time the item is called and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker

ISSUE

Staff will provide an update and seeks input from the Board of Directors. The development of the Transit corridor continues to focus not only on building a state of the art, modern transit facility, but also an environmentally and economically sustainable one.

BACKGROUND

In February, 2016, the Metro Board approved an allocation of \$18 million to Eco-Rapid Transit for the Planning and Development of a Strategic Sustainable Transit Oriented Corridor Plan. Since that time, Metro has been working to identify opportunities for funding to meet that commitment.

The funding thus far has included:

- The Near Term Activities: \$230,000
- The Transit Oriented Corridor Planning Grant: \$1.9 million
- Environmental Impact Studies –third party agreement- \$700,000 funding for Eco-Rapid Transit and city review of studies (the cost of the EIR/S is up to \$14 million).

Current initial actions include the Near Term studies that we initiated with Metro, along with longer term Transit Oriented Corridor pilot planning, which is being funded by FTA.

To implement the near scope activities, Eco-Rapid Transit issued two Requests for Proposals, one for initial station area planning and visioning for three different station areas and the other to help identify sites for the transit maintenance facility. The station area planning contract is being addressed in a separate memorandum.

Following a review of the proposals for the identification of the maintenance facility, AECOM was selected as the consultant. The contract amount will not exceed \$34,982. The scope of work is attached.



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The sustainable corridor consultant selection process, led by Metro, has also concluded. The consultant will be recommended to the Metro Board of Directors in June.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Receive and file the item.