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Executive Management & Audit Committee

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Union Station Master Plan

The Los Angeles Union Station (Union Station) is the center of regional transportation and transit services including: the MTA Red, Purple, and Gold Lines; MTA and regional bus service; Metrolink; Amtrak; and eventually the California high speed rail line.

In November 2008, California voters approved Proposition 1A, the Safe, Reliable High Speed Passenger Train Bond Act of the 21st Century High Speed Rail Bond.

Proposition 1A and the California High Speed Rail Authority recognize Union Station as the junction of three Southern California High Speed Rail routes (Anaheim, San Diego and San Francisco).

Furthermore, the approval of Measure R (November 2008) will increase the level and number of transit services connecting to Union Station; if 30/10 financing is secured, this change will happen even faster than currently planned.

The acquisition of Union Station by MTA places the agency in a leadership position and provides the opportunity to leverage existing and future transportation services and provide the development framework for future investment, job creation, and economic growth.

To capture these opportunities, MTA should take the lead in developing a Union Station Master Plan once the purchase of Union Station is complete.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the MTA Board direct the CEO to:

1. Prepare a Union Station Master Plan with the following goals:
 - A. Integration of all transportation services serving Union Station and surrounding areas, including but not limited to: MTA rail and bus, municipal operators, Metrolink, Amtrak, and high speed rail

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- B. Inclusion and integration of pedestrian and bicycle access and facilities
 - C. Incorporation of green/sustainable principles in planning, design, and implementation (construction)
2. Create an oversight committee to oversee the development of the master plan with the following characteristics:
- A. Members shall include, at a minimum, representatives from: MTA, Metrolink, Amtrak, the California High Speed Rail Authority, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and Caltrans
 - B. The committee shall meet at least quarterly
3. Initiate a design competition with the following characteristics:
- A. MTA shall consult with leading U.S. real estate, planning, and architectural institutions
 - B. The design competition shall produce conceptual level design and visioning for a world-class Union Station inter-modal station
4. Report back during the June 2011 MTA Board cycle with the following:
- A. Implementation plan
 - B. Project schedule
 - C. Funding necessary to ensure that the master plan and design competition can be completed
5. Ensure that Union Station's historic status is taken into account in the MTA's master planning activities, including both the positive and negative implications of such a designation.

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