SUBJECT: PROJECT STUDY REPORT - HIGHWAY 101 AUXILIARY LANE FROM SR 110 TO GLENDALE BOULEVARD

ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE CEO TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the CEO to enter into a Funding Agreement with Caltrans in the amount of $100,000 for development of the Project Study Report (PSR) for the Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane Project.

ISSUE

The FY12 budget includes $475,000 funding for the Arterial ITS Performance Management System. However, this project has been delayed and we are proposing that the Board transfer $100,000 of budget authority from this project to Caltrans to fund the development of the Project Study Report for the Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane Project. This action would enable us to move forward with the Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane project which is a low cost/high benefit transportation improvement project.

DISCUSSION

Given the reductions in state highway funds, Caltrans is unable to carry out transportation studies necessary to develop ready-to-go projects without our financial assistance. To address this problem, we have been working with Caltrans on identifying transportation projects and studies for funding that are relatively low cost and have high benefit improvements.

One of the projects identified is the Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane project, specifically, the northbound segments of US 101 between SR 110 and Echo Park Avenue/Glendale Boulevard, as shown on Attachment A. Although this project is currently not identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan, it is anticipated that this project will achieve significant mobility benefits in this area in a short time frame and at a relatively low cost.
Moving forward with the PSR development for this project would not only identify the full scope of the highway and operational improvement needs at this segment of the corridor, but will also prepare this project for future funding opportunities.

To provide funding for these types of projects and studies, we actively sought projects in the current FY12 budget that are being delayed or projects that have experienced under-expenditures in order to fund low cost/high benefit projects such as the Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane project.

**DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

The Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane Project Study Report will have no adverse impact on safety.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The funding of $100,000 for this project is included in the FY12 budget in Cost Center number 4710, Highway Capital Management, under project 405522, Highway Planning. This funding will be transferred to Cost Center 0442, Highway Subsidies, under project 405522. Funds for this action are available within the Board approved budget; therefore, there is no financial impact for this budget transfer.

**Impact to Budget**

The source of funds for this project will be from Proposition C 25%. This action does not impact any of the budgets for bus and rail operations and capital expenditures, Proposition A and C and TDA administration, nor the Measure R administration budget.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board may elect not to approve entering into a funding agreement with Caltrans. This alternative is not recommended as it will prevent us from maximizing our ability to prepare ready-to-go projects that have relatively low cost and high benefit for future funding and development.

**NEXT STEPS**

Upon Board approval, we will transfer the $100,000 from Cost Center 4710, Highway Capital Management to Cost Center 0442, Highway Subsidies and execute a Funding Agreement with Caltrans so that they may initiate development of the Project Study Report.
ATTACHMENT

A. Project Map of Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane Project from SR 110 to Glendale Boulevard

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