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**Executive Management Committee Meeting
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Item 80: Westwood Greenway

The Westwood Greenway is a water treatment and community beautification project along the Expo Line right-of-way between Westwood Boulevard and Overland Avenue.

The Westwood Greenway will reduce the amount of ocean runoff and use natural and sustainable water treatment methods to remove lead, zinc, copper, and other pollutants from up to 48 million gallons of water per year.

The Westwood Greenway enjoys broad community and stakeholder support, and will provide recreation and education opportunities for the Los Angeles region.

MTA is an industry leader in sustainability, and has implemented similar stormwater treatment features in its system. Along the Orange Line, for instance, MTA installed bioswales, infiltration trenches, and infiltration basins that absorb the first three-fourths inch of every rainfall.

The Westwood Greenway covers land owner by both MTA and the City of Los Angeles. Total project cost is estimated to be \$2.5 million. The City of Los Angeles is prepared to fund ongoing maintenance of the greenway in an amount proportional to the land area owned by the City, subject to a legally binding memorandum of understanding.

WE THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board instruct the CEO to:

1. Work with the Exposition Construction Authority, the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles to prepare a feasibility analysis of the Westwood Greenway project as well as a detailed cost estimate, including an estimate of the on-going maintenance costs.
2. Work with the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles to identify funding sources for the design and construction of the project.
3. Provide an oral report at the March 2015 Executive Management Committee on the progress of the feasibility analysis and identification of possible funding sources.
4. Report to the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee within one year of the Westwood Greenway's completion with recommendations on the feasibility of including similar sustainable stormwater treatment features in future MTA projects.

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