



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MAY 20, 2020

SUBJECT: DRAFT 2020 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE the release of Draft 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for public comment.

ISSUE

The Draft 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan ("2020 LRTP", Attachment A) details how Metro plans, builds, operates, maintains and partners for improved mobility in the next 30 years. Given the challenges facing Los Angeles County, there is also a compelling opportunity to make bold changes to address the need for improved access to opportunity and a more sustainable future.

BACKGROUND

Metro must adopt a financially constrained LRTP in order to remain eligible to receive federal and state funding. In September 2017, staff began work to update the 2009 LRTP, following the passage of Measure M, and in alignment with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) process for updating the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Metro's LRTP demonstrates how Los Angeles County transportation projects conform with the state and federal air quality mandates for funding eligibility.

In June 2019, the Metro Board was presented a draft LRTP baseline outline, including demographic projections, performance measures and framework for evaluating equity in Equity Focus Communities. In November 2019, the Metro Board was presented with a financial forecast that will be the constrained financial baseline for this plan.

DISCUSSION

Challenges and Opportunities

Current challenges present great opportunities for Metro to take bold action and help achieve our vision for the region. Specifically, we are faced with the following:

- 1) Growth: Los Angeles County will increase an additional 1.7 million people in the next 30 years, and the infrastructure needs to support that growth in a way that allows for healthy economic

- growth, as well as a redistribution of system benefits to those most in need;
- 2) Evolving Needs: The needs of the County will change over time, and nothing demonstrates that more acutely than the current pandemic crisis, as it accentuates the vulnerability of specific demographic groups in our communities;
 - 3) Technology: The countywide transportation system must continue to adapt to changing mobility needs, consumer demands and increased goods movement;
 - 4) Changing Environment: Metro must lead in reducing greenhouse gas emissions across Los Angeles County, in how we travel, and how Metro influences through its sustainability practices; and
 - 5) Equitable Access to Opportunity: Metro investments and strategies must prioritize those most in need of improved access.

Strategies

The main strategy areas for the 2020 LRTP are: Better Transit; Less Congestion; Complete Streets; and Access to Opportunity. The projects, programs and policies that support and advance these strategies are detailed within the document. Together, these efforts will increase transit ridership and improve air quality.

Equity Platform

The Draft 2020 LRTP was developed through extensive public engagement based on the “Listen & Learn” pillar of the Equity Platform. The remaining three pillars are all addressed within the draft 2020 LRTP: Define & Measure; Focus & Deliver; and Train & Grow.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

This report has no impact on safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item has no fiscal impact to the agency.

Impact to Budget

Activities associated with completing the LRTP update are budgeted in the current fiscal year and are within budget.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The Draft 2020 LRTP will advance all five goals of Vision 2028, which calls for the LRTP to “operationalize” its strategic plan initiatives.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Metro Board could consider the Draft 2020 LRTP for adoption without public comment, but this would prevent further stakeholder input and undermine the goals of the Equity Platform.

NEXT STEPS

The Draft 2020 LRTP will be presented for public comment for a forty-five (45) day public review period. Please check [OurNext.LA <https://ournext.la/>](https://ournext.la/) for a schedule of events or to submit a comment electronically. Following that public comment period, staff will return to the Board to request adoption of the 2020 LRTP.

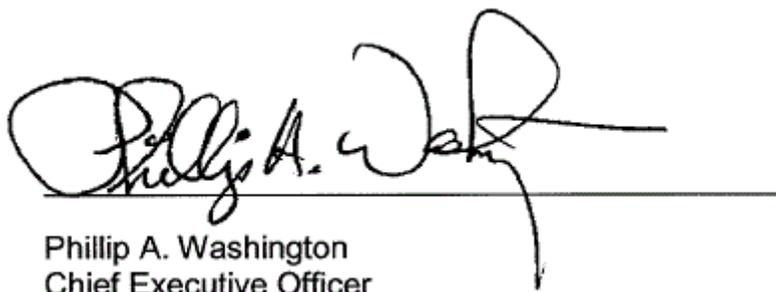
After the possible adoption of the 2020 LRTP, staff will begin work on an action plan, in the form of a Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP). The SRTP would recommend near-term implementation steps over a ten- to fifteen-year timeframe, and allow for any needed recalibrations from the current COVID-19 pandemic.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Draft 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

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