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IN REPLY PLEASE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MASTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
EASTSIDE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD  
CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Approve the enclosed Master Cooperative Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the County, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, which addresses the design and construction of the Eastside Light Rail Transit project, within unincorporated County areas and within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and instruct the Chair to sign the Agreement.

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will design and build the Eastside Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. The approximate six-mile-long Eastside LRT project will provide both subway and at-grade light rail transit service from Union Station to Atlantic Boulevard in East Los Angeles, via Alameda Street, First Street, Indiana Street, Third Street, and Pomona Boulevard. A completion date of early 2008 has been established. Public Works has been working with the MTA, and their engineering consultants, in the review of various plans that affect County streets and Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) facilities impacted by the Eastside LRT project.

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The enclosed Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) establishes the responsibilities of MTA, the County, and District during the design and construction phases of the Eastside LRT project. Further, the MCA designates the Director of Public Works, or his designee, as the County's and District's representative for matters covered under the MCA.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

The MCA addresses design, construction, and financial responsibilities of the MTA, the County, and District for the subject project.

Due to the expedited nature of MTA's schedule for design and construction of the Eastside LRT project, the County's and District's review of MTA's engineering design plans and reports within County and District jurisdiction are required to be completed within 30 calendar days of MTA's submittal. The MCA sets forth the responsibility of each agency in order to meet the stringent construction schedule of the project. The MTA is required to provide notification to Public Works if our action or inaction threatens to create a delay in the schedule of the Eastside LRT project. In order to avoid a delay and its associated costs, the County or District can, in their sole discretion, transfer responsibility of the facility on a temporary or permanent basis to the MTA.

Under the MCA, the MTA agrees to follow prescribed standard plans and design criteria acceptable to the County and District. The MTA also agrees to prepare a traffic management plan, which ensures that businesses and private residences are notified of traffic control and detours during each phase of construction, which affect County highways and sidewalks.

The various work on County and District rights of way proposed by the MTA will require issuance of the customary permits to cover all construction related to facilities over which the County and District has permit jurisdiction. Under the terms of the MCA, the MTA agrees to pay the County's and District's actual costs to review plans, issue permits, and perform inspection.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The Eastside LRT project meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence, Organizational Effectiveness, and Children and Family Well-Being. Close coordination of the project among agencies is essential for the timely completion of the project. The completion of the Eastside LRT project will improve the mobility of the patrons in the unincorporated area.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The actual costs of services rendered by the County and District, at MTA's request, for plan review, meeting attendance, construction inspection, and other sundry activities will be reimbursed by MTA. The MCA does provide a means for the County and District to voluntarily elect to include a betterment, at County and District cost.

### **FINANCING**

No additional financing on the part of the County and District is required unless additional County or District betterment projects are requested to be included in the Eastside LRT project.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Since MTA has agreed to reimburse the County and District for actual costs related to permits issued by the County and District, a waiver of permit issuance fees pursuant to Section 16.10.060 of the County Highway Code and Chapter 17.05 of the Flood Control District Code can be granted.

The MCA has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECT)**

The at-grade rail construction on Third Street will reduce the traffic lanes from three to two lanes in each direction, which will significantly impact the traffic flows and parking situation on Third Street. The traffic issues are addressed in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. Public Works continues to work with the MTA and their consultants to identify the traffic impacts.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS**

As the administering agency, the MTA has received approval of the necessary State and Federal environmental documents for carrying out the Eastside LRT project.

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**CONCLUSION**

Enclosed are two originals and the County and District file copy of the MCA.

Upon approval, please certify and return the two originals to us together with two approved copies of this letter. The County file copy is for your file until the fully-executed MCA is returned at which time the County file copy may be conformed and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer