

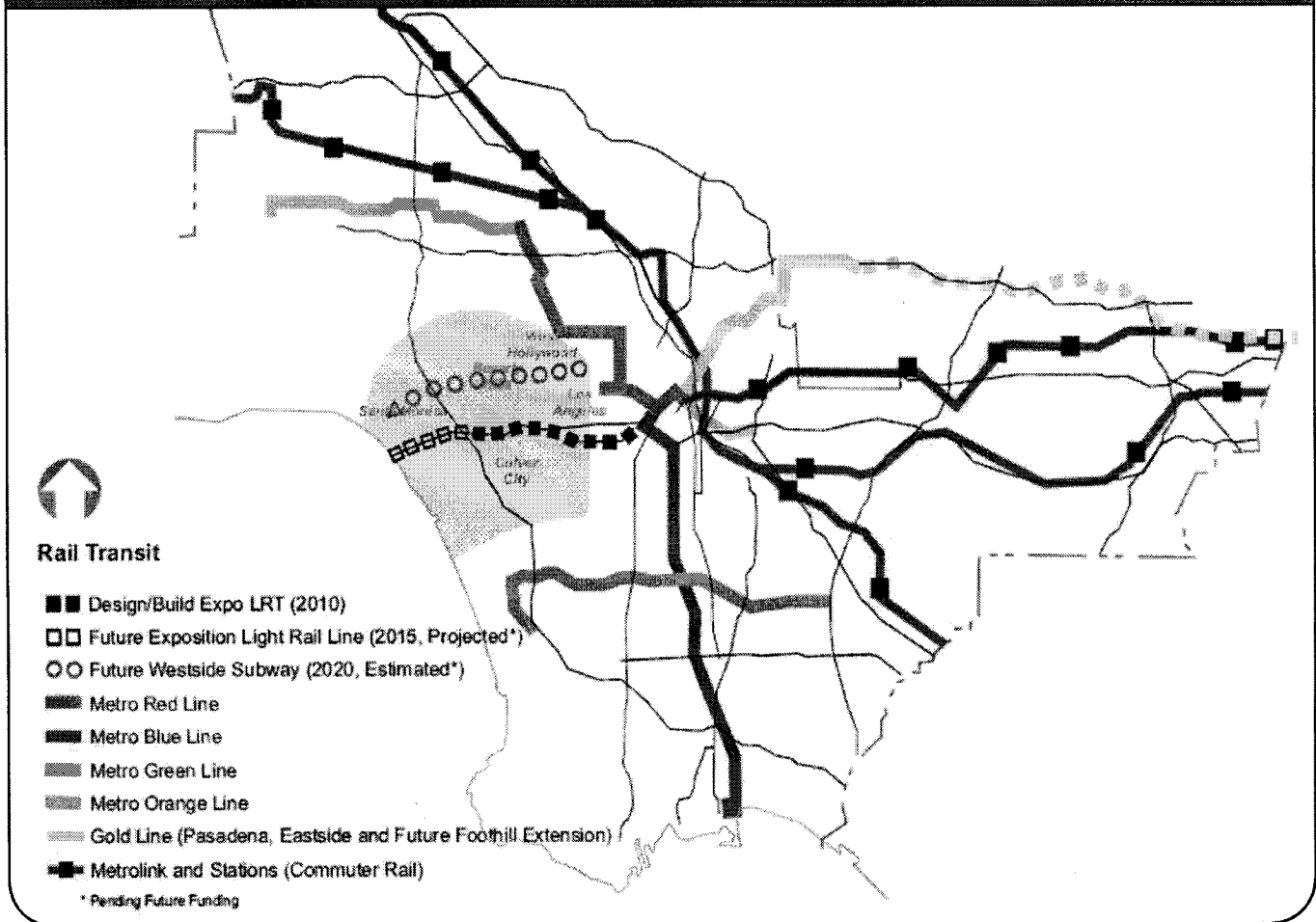
MEETING DATE: July 16, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion to Reaffirm Support for the Westside Subway Extension Project after the Exposition Light Rail Project to Santa Monica and Adoption of Guiding Principles for Future Project and Advocacy Efforts.

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Westside Subway Extension



Synopsis

The Westside Subway Extension is an important part of the overall regional strategy to enhance mobility and relieve congestion on the Westside of Los Angeles County. The Westside Subway Extension will connect the existing regional transit system to major employment, activity and entertainment centers of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and West Los Angeles, continuing to the

ocean via Century City and UCLA. This subway will improve mobility along a corridor that is currently served by transit lines with the highest ridership in the region operating on congested east/west arterials. With limited opportunities to expand existing roadways, the Westside Subway Extension provides the only significant opportunity to expand transportation capacity along this corridor.

Do you know?

The Westside has 462,467 jobs. It is the second largest employment area after downtown L.A. with 557,951 jobs. The Westside produces roughly 18% (est.) of the County's sales tax with 6% of the total County population and 3% of the County landmass.



Completion of the Westside Subway Extension is Important because it will...

- ❖ Provide a needed linkage from Downtown Los Angeles and the region at large to the communities of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, West Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley.
- ❖ Relieve congestion on east/west arterials, including Wilshire, 3rd Street, Beverly, Melrose, Santa Monica and Sunset Boulevards.
- ❖ Offer high capacity and reliable public transit to accommodate increasing high travel demands and serve a large transit-dependent population in the region. Metro projects 14-15 million annual boardings for the completed line.
- ❖ Provide a potential catalyst for transit-oriented development that creates housing, jobs, commercial space and urban plazas.
- ❖ Provide access to the two largest employment areas, the West side and downtown Los Angeles.

