

INFORMATION ITEM

AC TRANSIT DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Executive Summary

GM Memo No. 07-031

Meeting Date: February 7, 2007

Committees:

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| Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| External Affairs Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | Operations Committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Rider Complaint Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | Paratransit Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> | Financing Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUBJECT:
Report on San Pablo Rapid Bus Stop Upgrade Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Information Only** **Briefing Item** **Recommended Motion**

Fiscal Impact:

Project has received a \$2 million grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) to pay for construction and related engineering and other administrative costs.

Background/Discussion:

The City of Berkeley initiated a request approximately two years ago to upgrade the 20 San Pablo Rapid bus stops in Alameda County. These stops are located at:

Albany:

Solano Avenue & San Pablo Avenue

Berkeley:

Gilman Street & San Pablo Avenue

BOARD ACTION: **Approved as Recommended** [] **Other** []
 Approved with Modification(s) []

[To be filled in by District Secretary after Board/Committee Meeting]

The above order was passed on _____, 2007.

Linda Nemeroff, District Secretary
By _____

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University Avenue & San Pablo Avenue

Dwight Way & San Pablo Avenue

Ashby Avenue & San Pablo Avenue

Emeryville:

40th Street & San Pablo Avenue

Oakland:

Stanford Avenue & San Pablo Avenue

Alcatraz Avenue & San Pablo Avenue

30th Street & San Pablo Avenue

West Grand Avenue & San Pablo Avenue

ACTIA and AC Transit are pleased to support this project. AC Transit is working with the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) to implement construction, as the District has on other projects. ACCMA worked with AC Transit on the San Pablo Rapid Bus Project, and has in place the San Pablo Avenue Political Advisory Committee (PAC) and the San Pablo Avenue Technical Advisory Group (TAC). Both groups extensively reviewed engineering, design and cost preparation during late 2005 and 2006. The engineering work has been completed, and the ACCMA Board has authorized the issuance of an Invitation For Bid (IFB). Once the formal bid process has been completed, a construction contract is expected to be awarded in March, with work beginning in May and completed within 70 working days.

The work involved is primarily constructing improved crosswalks in Berkeley and Oakland, providing bus shelter illumination via 12-foot-high light poles, replacement and/or addition of street trees and tree grates, and the installation of advanced pedestrian push buttons at most intersections.

Two issues remain. While the engineer's estimate for construction costs is within budget, actual costs will not be known until completion of the bid process. While all bid segments of the International/Telegraph Rapid Bus Project came in at or below engineer's estimate, there is no guarantee that will also occur on this project. Finally, the four participating cities are in the process of writing letters to CalTrans indicating that the cities will accept maintenance of the construction and fixtures installed as part of this project.

Prior Relevant Board Actions/Policies:

GM Memo No. 05-272 Execute San Pablo Avenue Project Specific Agreement with Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority

Approved by: Rick Fernandez, General Manager
Nancy Skowbo, Deputy General Manager Service Development

Prepared by: Jon Twichell, Transportation Planning Manager

Date Prepared: January 21, 2007