

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

January 27, 2003

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Update on the Status of the Sierra Madre Villa and
Other Pedestrian Access of the Gold Line Enhancement Projects

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

The City of Pasadena established a Reserve for Future Projects. The source of the Reserve was a twenty percent set aside from Proposition A and C Local Return Funds from transportation taxes approved in 1980 and 1990. This reserve is to be used for enhancements and improvements to transit capital, primarily the Gold Line Light Rail project that were not included in the baseline construction budget. A list of enhancement projects was developed by the Light Rail Station Design Committee and City staff and approved by the City Council. These projects are designed to enhance the appearance of the stations and riders' overall experience. A schedule of the enhancement projects approved by the City Council is attached as Exhibit I. The total amount set aside in the Reserve is \$10,650,792. To date, \$8,769,000 has been appropriated. The remaining balance in the reserves is \$1,881,792. Additionally, the City Council approved a loan of \$152,000 to cover the first year operating deficit of the expanded ARTS bus system. This money will be paid back to the Reserve.

The Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station consists of a northern pedestrian overcrossing from the parking garage to the light rail station located in the freeway median and is being constructed by the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority. The added south access bridge will be a direct and safe approach for pedestrians and bus riders approaching from the south side of the freeway and will reduce traffic congestion at the north access.

On January 28, 2002, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract with McLean & Schultz for the design of a south pedestrian access bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Station.

The estimated project cost for the south access pedestrian bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station is \$5,000,000. Council has appropriated \$2,500,000 from the Reserves for Future Projects funds, leaving \$2,500,000 unfunded. City staff is working with various entities to try to

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identify additional funding for this project. The City's congressional delegation requested a \$2.5 million earmark in the Federal Transportation Appropriations bill, however, this attempt was unsuccessful. On January 13, the City Council authorized the City Manger to submit an application to the MTA in the 2003 Call for Projects. If the City's application is approved, these funds may not be available until 2005 or later.

The \$2,500,000 appropriation is sufficient to complete the right-of-way acquisition and complete the plans, specifications and estimates for the south access pedestrian bridge. Currently this project has a remaining balance of \$1,422,383 which will pay for the construction of a concrete column and complete the acquisition of the right-of-way. This money is estimated to run out in October of 2003. If by that time other grant funds are not approved, staff will ask the Council to consider additional appropriations from the Reserve.

The project status of the Southern Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) at the Sierra Madre Villa Station is as follows:

<u>Bridge Design by Consultant</u>	<u>Status</u>
▪ Type selection approval process	Completed
▪ Geotechnical investigation	Completed
▪ Caltrans Project Study Report (PSR)	Completed
▪ Checked plans review process	Completed
▪ Final approved documents	February 2003
<u>Caltrans Review and Approval</u>	
▪ Caltrans review of PSR	Completed
▪ Caltrans preliminary approval	Completed
▪ Caltrans final approval	February 2003
<u>MTA Review and Approval</u>	
▪ Letter of Intent to Enter into a Maintenance Agreement (required for Caltrans final approval)	February 2003
▪ Execute Maintenance Agreement	Prior to Completion of Bridge
<u>Right-of-Way Acquisition</u>	
▪ Acquire Caltrans easement	January to June 2003
▪ Acquire Orchard Supply Hardware Easement	January to October 2003
<u>Column Construction</u>	
▪ Execute Betterment Agreement with Blue Line Construction Authority	February/March 2003
▪ Bridge support columns in center of freeway	March to June 2003

Street Design by City

- Bus pull-out area on Colorado Boulevard July to October 2003
- Walkway, pedestrian lighting and landscaping on Sierra Madre Boulevard July to October 2003

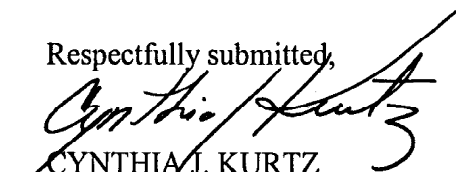
Construction of Bridge, Tower and Support Facilities

- Bridge October 2003 to October 2004
- South Tower with two elevator If funds are not identified by
- Kiss and Ride drop off on Colorado Boulevard Oct. 2003, the project will be
- Improved bus stops on Colorado Boulevard completed twelve months after
- Walkway, pedestrian lighting and landscape remaining funds become available
- Improvements on Sierra Madre Villa from South Tower to Colorado Boulevard

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Respectfully submitted,



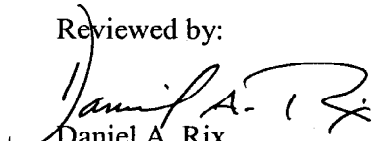
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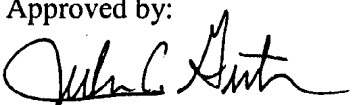
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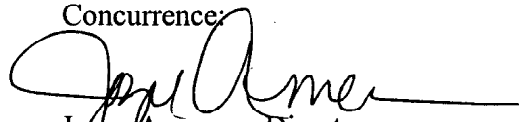
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