

**TCR Program – Application Approval Project # 37.1 (PPNO 2892) – May 2005**

**Los Angeles Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements; build Bus Rapid Transit system or Light Rail Transit in Mid-City/Westside/Exposition Corridors in Los Angeles County.**

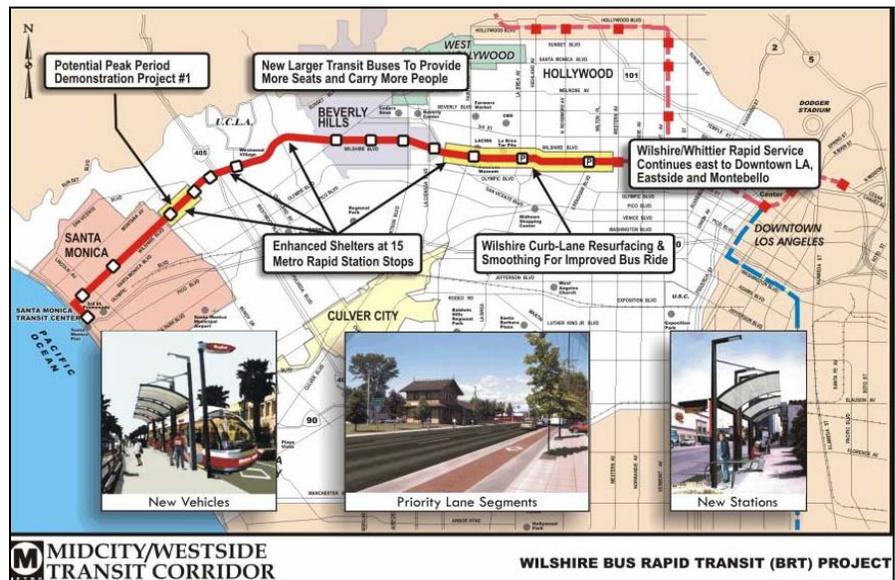
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Estimated Project Cost:	\$172,600	TCRP Funds Approved To Date:	<b>\$6,200</b>
TCRP Funds – Subproject #37.1:	\$6,200	Phases(s) Approved To Date:	All
TCRP Funds for Project #37:	\$256,000	Implementing Agency:	LACMTA
Lead Agency:	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)		

TCRP Allocations To Date:	<b>\$6,200</b>	for Phase(s):	1
Advance Approved:	\$0	for Phase(s):	N/A

**Project Summary:** The Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements project is to build a light rail transit (LRT) or bus rapid transit (BRT) system along the Mid-City/Westside/ Exposition corridors in Los Angeles County. The overall project will be implemented to two sub-projects:

- **Sub-Project #37.1 – BRT system along Wilshire Boulevard** (Total cost = \$172,600,000, including \$6,200,000 in TCRP funding) (originally approved as Project #37), and
- **Sub-Project #37.2 – LRT system along Exposition Boulevard** (Total cost = \$635,000,000, including \$249,800,000 in TCRP funding)



**Sub-Project #37.1** will provide a 12.7-mile limited stop express bus service along Wilshire Boulevard that will connect the Wilshire/Western Metro Red Line station to 2nd Street and Colorado Blvd. in Santa Monica. The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) selected, based on the results of the environmental studies and public input, is to implement a service enhancement project intended to provide high capacity transit service to the Westside of Los Angeles County, improving on the existing Metro Rapid Bus service. The enhancements will be based upon BRT features found in other systems worldwide and will contain two sets of components. The first set of components to be implemented is as follows: Enhanced Metro Rapid Stations; Expanded Transit Signal Priority; Peak Period Dedicated Bus Lanes; and Maintenance and Storage Facilities. The second set of components is considered alternatives to the project, with implementation subject to approval and concurrence of local jurisdictions. The alternatives include Wilshire Boulevard Curb Lane and Intersection Reconstruction, and Community Parking Facilities.

**Cost and Schedule** (\$ x 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Environmental study to develop an EIR/EIS and preliminary engineering.	12/00	12/05	\$8,700
2	Preparation of design/build contract or final design plans under design/bid/build.	7/09	7/12	\$17,700
3	Right of Way Acquisition	7/09	7/10	\$18,400
4	Construction activities for BRT	6/10	12/14	\$127,800
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$172,600</b>

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**Funding Plan** (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$6,200				\$6,200
		Proposed					
Prop C 25%	Measure	Committed		\$17,700		\$28,700	\$46,400
		Proposed					
STIP-RIP	State	Committed	\$2,500				\$2,500
		Proposed				\$26,700	\$26,700
CMAQ	Federal	Committed			\$18,400		\$18,400
		Proposed				\$64,700	\$64,700
Revenues	Local	Committed				\$7,700	\$7,700
		Proposed					
<b>Totals:</b>		Committed	\$8,700	\$17,700	\$18,400	\$36,400	\$81,200
		Proposed				\$91,400	\$91,400
		<b>Totals:</b>	\$8,700	\$17,700	\$18,400	\$127,800	\$172,600

**Prior TCRP Action:**

- Original application for Phase 1 (ENV) was approved on January 18, 2001 (Resolution TA-01-01).
- Minor Amendment was approved June 20, 2002, to extend the end date of Phase 1, per April 2002 Progress Report.
- A subsequent application was approved October 3, 2002 (Resolution TA-02-13) to update the overall project scope, and program additional funds to continue Phase 1 preliminary engineering activities, as well as funds for Phase 2 - PS&E, Phase 3 – ROW, and Phase 4 – CON. As a result of the scope update, the TCRP funds originally proposed for this sub-project were reduced, from \$228,900,000 to \$186,900,000. A minor amendment was also included to extend the end date of Phase 1 (ENV) to June 2003.
- A major amendment was approved June 26, 2003 (Resolution TAA-03-02) to update the project schedule. LACMTA has indicated that additional time is needed to complete Phase 1 – ENV, Phase 2 – PS&E to enable the agency to seek federal environmental clearance that will allow them to utilize federal funds not previously planned for this project. Additionally, as TCR funds may not be available in the short-term, LACMTA had to re-evaluate funding availability which caused a slight delay in the progress of Phases 1 and 2, until a funding plan for the overall project could be determined.
- An application amendment was approved October 28, 2004 (TAA-04-11) to update the project schedule. A requested Letter of No Prejudice for Phase 3 (\$26,100) was deferred.
- An application amendment to update project scope, schedule, and funding tables was approved May 26, 2005 (Resolution TAA-05-05). Most TCR funds were pulled from this project and moved to 37.2.

**Status of Conditions:** No conditions set for this project under Resolution TA-01-01. The following conditions set forth under Resolution TA-02-13 are obsolete with the approval of Resolution TAA-05-05 in May 2005:

- Prior to an allocation of funds for Phase 2 (Plans, Specifications & Estimates), LACMTA must notify the Department and CTC staff which design approach will be used for the project.
- Prior to an allocation of funds for any capital phase of the project, LACMTA must develop a parking management plan that, among other requirements, provides for procedures to ensure that a specified number of non-tandem designated parking spaces are for the exclusive use of Metro Rapid riders, and ensure the commuter parking spaces are maintained and operated separate from other parking areas.
- Prior to an allocation of funds for bus procurement, LACMTA shall provide a Financial Operating Plan that demonstrates they have the financial capability to operate the expanded service once the project has been completed.

**Discussion/Issues:** Regional Transportation Plan documentation on file. CTC reviewed the Final EIR/EIS and approved the project for future consideration of funding on October 3, 2002, under Resolution E-02-44.