

October 11, 2006

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
October 18, 2006

**AVIATION BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission consider and give comments to staff regarding proposed intersection improvements at Aviation Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway

Summary:


The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is responsible for allocating discretionary federal, state and local transportation funds to improve all modes of surface transportation. Metro also prepares the Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A key component of TIP is the Call for Projects program, a competitive process that distributes discretionary capital transportation funds to regionally significant projects. MTA is issuing a 2007 "Call For Projects" this month which will be due in early 2007.

Staff is considering submitting a proposal to fund a study and design improvements of the intersection of Aviation Boulevard and PCH. Improvements being considered include:

1. Installation of a double left turn lane for southbound PCH to eastbound Aviation Boulevard
2. Traffic signal control of right-turn ramp for northbound PCH to eastbound Aviation Boulevard
3. Provide three (3) through-lanes for northbound PCH
4. Increasing Aviation Boulevard to two lanes eastbound from PCH to Ocean Avenue.

This intersection is considered a major bottleneck along the PCH corridor in the South Bay and this improvement has received support from Caltrans and the surrounding cities. It is certainly regionally significant and staff believes it would be an outstanding candidate for this MTA "Call". The Commission's comments will be taken to City Council for approval to submit the application for this grant.

Respectfully submitted,



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