



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 7, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David Gustavson, Director of Public Works & Transportation
Subject: Independent Review of Westside Subway Extension Century City Area Tunneling Safety Report

INTRODUCTION

Piotr D. Moncarz, Corporate Vice President and Principal Engineer of Exponent, Inc. will provide a presentation and address City Council inquiries regarding their independent review of the Westside Subway Extension Century City Area Tunneling Safety Report.

DISCUSSION

On September 27, 2011, the City Council approved an agreement with Exponent, Inc. to conduct an independent review of the Westside Subway Extension Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (FEIS/FEIR) and geotechnical studies for potential impact on Beverly Hills' buildings, infrastructure and public safety. At the same meeting, the City Council also approved an amendment of the agreement with Shannon & Wilson, Inc., originally retained by the City to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (DEIS/DEIR), to continue their review of Metro's geotechnical studies.

As of the end of 2011, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) had a projected release of the FEIS/FEIR in "Winter 2012." At the time this report was prepared, Metro had not provided a release date.

On October 18, 2011 the Metro Board Planning & Programming Committee received a report on two documents 1) Century City Area Tunneling Safety Report and 2) Century City Area Fault Investigation report. Exponent Inc. is focusing their review on the tunneling safety report while Shannon & Wilson, Inc. is focusing on the fault investigation report. Shannon & Wilson's report will be presented at an upcoming City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City Council has set aside \$1 million for consulting and legal purposes related to the Westside Subway Extension. The agreement amount for Exponent Inc., is \$75,000.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes.

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David Gustavson
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