Memo to:       Board of Directors

From:         Council Staff

Subject:      Authorization to amend the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and
              enter into agreements to conduct MetroLink studies in St. Louis City and
              County

Date:         August 16, 2016

The City of St. Louis and St. Louis County have requested, independently, that the
Council conduct MetroLink studies in their respective jurisdictions. The City will
provide $2 million in funding to conduct a conceptual design study for the Northside-
Southside corridor, and the County will provide $3 million for conceptual planning
studies of the MetroSouth, Daniel Boone, and MetroNorth and Northside corridors.
Amendments for incorporating the studies into the Unified Planning Work Program
(UPWP) are attached.

All of these corridors have had some level of previous study.

- Northside-Southside: The corridor extends south from the area of Goodfellow/I-70 to Bayless/I-55. Most of the corridor is within the City of St. Louis. A conceptual design study for the corridor was completed in 2008. The intent of the present study is to reaffirm and update the earlier study’s findings and to examine an alternative that would serve the proposed National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency site.

- MetroSouth: The corridor extends south from the Shrewsbury MetroLink station to Butler Hill. An Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the corridor was completed in 2005. The intent of the present study is to reaffirm and update the earlier study’s findings.

- Daniel Boone: The corridor extends west from Clayton to the Westport area. A Major Transportation Investment Analysis for the corridor was completed in 1999. The intent of the present study is to confirm the alignment and update the earlier study’s findings.
• MetroNorth: The corridor extends north from the existing MetroLink route, at or in the vicinity of the Hanley station, to I-270, either near I-170 or the Ferguson area. The corridor was part of the Cross-County Major Transportation Investment Analysis completed in the mid-1990s. The intent of the present study is to define and study the most promising light rail alignment in the corridor.

• Northside: The corridor extends north from the area of Goodfellow/I-70 to St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and west to the MetroNorth northern termini. A significant portion of this corridor was part of a Northside locally preferred alternative completed in 2000. The intent of the present study is to confirm the alignment and update the earlier study’s findings.

The studies will evaluate the costs, benefits, and impacts of light rail in the various corridors. When the studies are complete, the region will have a consistent set of data by which to comparatively evaluate light rail in the four corridors and establish jurisdictional and regional priorities.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into agreements with the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County to obtain the funds necessary to conduct the studies, and that the UPWP be amended to include the proposed studies.
Activities:

1. Develop and implement a community engagement process to ensure broad involvement and input from the public, the private sector, local agencies, and relevant institutions. Manage interagency coordination. *(Consultants)*

2. Revise purpose and need statement and develop evaluation framework for analysis of light rail alignments. *(Consultants)*

3. Review existing alignment for any necessary refinements and develop and screen optional alignments to serve the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency site. Define alignments to be forwarded into more detailed analysis. *(Consultants)*

4. Conduct a detailed analysis of alignments. Develop appropriate data and analyze operating concepts and plans, station locations and development potential, socioeconomic and environmental impacts, ridership, capital and operating costs, and financial requirements. Evaluate the project’s potential rating in the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts program. *(Consultants)*

5. Develop recommendations for a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). *(Consultants)*

6. Document conceptual design process, including technical and final reports. *(Consultants)*

Products/Outcomes:

A. Community engagement and public information activities. *(ongoing)*

B. Revised purpose and need and evaluation framework *(Winter 2017)*

C. Definition of alignments for detailed evaluation *(Spring/Summer 2017)*

D. Detailed evaluation of alternatives, New Starts assessment, and LPA recommendations *(Winter 2018)*

E. Technical and final reports *(Spring 2018)*
Estimated Costs:

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Activities:

1. Develop and implement a community engagement process to ensure broad involvement and input from the public, the private sector, local agencies, and relevant institutions. Manage interagency coordination. *(Consultant)*

2. Develop or revise purpose and need statements for the three corridors and develop evaluation framework for analysis of light rail alignments. *(Consultant)*

3. Review existing alignments for the MetroSouth and Daniel Boone corridors for any necessary refinements, and develop and screen optional alignments for the MetroNorth corridor including the portion of the Northside corridor in St. Louis County. Define alignments to be forwarded into more detailed analysis. *(Consultant)*

4. Conduct a detailed analysis of alignments in the three corridors. Develop appropriate data and analyze operating concepts and plans, station locations and development potential, socioeconomic and environmental impacts, ridership, capital and operating costs, and financial requirements. Evaluate the projects for their potential rating in the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts program. *(Consultant)*

5. Develop recommendations for Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs) in the three corridors and conduct a comparative evaluation. *(Consultant)*

6. Document conceptual planning process, including technical and final reports. *(Consultant)*

Products/Outcomes:

A. Community engagement and public information activities. *(ongoing)*

B. Purpose and need statements and evaluation framework *(Winter 2017)*

C. Definition of alignments for detailed evaluation *(Spring/Summer 2017)*

D. Detailed evaluation of alternatives, New Starts assessment, comparative evaluation, and LPA recommendations *(Summer/Fall 2017)*

E. Technical and final reports *(Fall 2017)*
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**Subtotal**  $3,000,000

**TOTAL**  $3,000,000
MINUTES

EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 31, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Council offices on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance
Ken Waller, Chair; County Executive, Jefferson County, MO
Ron Blum, Mayor, City of St. Clair, Franklin County, MO
Scott Douglass, Mayor, Clarkson Valley; President, St. Louis County, MO Municipal League
Mark Eckert, Mayor, City of Belleville; President, SW IL Council of Mayors
Steve Ehmann, County Executive, St. Charles County, MO
Barbara Geisman, Regional Citizen, City of St. Louis, MO
John Griesheimer, Presiding Commissioner, Franklin County, MO
Bill Grogan, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County, IL
John Hamm, III, Mayor, City of Madison; President, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission
Reggie Jones, Mayor, City of Dellwood, St. Louis County, MO
Greg Horn, MoDOT
Emeka Jackson-Hicks, Mayor, City of East St. Louis, IL
Curtis Jones, IDOT
Richard Kellett, Regional Citizen, St. Louis County, MO
Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County, IL Board
John A. Laker, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County, IL
Terry Liefer, Chairman, Monroe County, IL Board
Jack Minner, Board Member, Madison County, IL
Roy Mosley, Board Member, St. Clair County, IL
Tom Smith, Mayor, City of Waterloo, IL; Vice-President, SW IL Council of Mayors
John White, Councilman, St. Charles County, MO
John Nations, President, Bi-State Development
Lewis Reed, President, Board of Aldermen, City of St. Louis
Francis Slay, Mayor, City of St. Louis, MO
Dave Stoecklin, Regional Citizen, Madison County, IL

Members Absent
Alan Dunstan, Vice-Chair; Chairman, Madison County, IL Board
Brian May, Office of Missouri Governor Jay Nixon
Steve Stenger, 2nd Vice Chair, County Executive, St. Louis County, MO

Others in Attendance
Tracy Beidleman, Bi-State Development Agency
Kim Cella, Citizens of Modern Transit
Tom Curran, St. Louis County, MO
Gary Elmestad, St. Charles County, MO
CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Mr. Waller, Chair.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Waller introduced and welcomed Barry Glantz, Mayor of the City of Creve Coeur, who is representing the St. Louis County Municipal League.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2016 MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Kellett, seconded by Mr. Greisheimer to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of Recent Great Streets Projects
Paul Hubbman, EWGCOG, provided information on the latest round of Great Streets projects: Woodson Road, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, North 14th Street, Gravois Road, and Smithton, IL. He summarized the project sites and described the general approach being undertaken by the project teams (sponsors, EWGCOG, and consultants) to gather information and coordinate an open forum charrette wherein the community can coordinate with planners to combine local and technical knowledge to further shape the individual project. He noted that strategic planning reports follow each charrette and will be available on EWGCOG’s website as they become available.

MoDOT Funding Distribution
Jerry Blair, EWGCOG, summarized the funding formula and methodology used by MoDOT in allocating road and bridge improvement funds in Missouri. He noted that the St. Louis region
has typically received approximately 28 percent of distributed funds. That percentage is expected to gradually increase to approximately 30 percent over time.

Additional discussion followed regarding the region’s economic impacts on and financial contributions to the state of Missouri and how that should be reflected in MoDOT’s funding distribution formula.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Update of the Council’s Website**
Staci Alvarez, EWGCOG, summarized staff’s recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Elasticity/Digital Mothership, or alternatively Werremeyer, Inc., to design and construct a new agency website at a cost not to exceed $60,000.

Motion approving the recommendation was made by Mr. Stoecklin, seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**Approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification, the Final Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation from the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2045, and the Final FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program**
Jason Lange, EWGCOG, summarized staff’s recommendation for Board adoption of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification, the Final Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation from the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2045, and the Final FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion approving the recommendation was made by Mr. Griesheimer, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Ehlmann introduced a Motion to divide the recommendation to address the approval of the Creve Coeur Mill Road project in Maryland Heights (TIP# 6588-17) and the approval of the remainder of the TIP, seconded by Mr. Kern. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jim Wild gave some background on the project (TIP# 6588-17). Motion to table further action on project (TIP# 6588-17) pending more information was made by Mr. Grogen, seconded by Mr. Blum. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Motion approving the original recommendation, absent Project #6588-17, was made by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Slay. Motion carried, all voting aye.
Modification of the FY 2016-2019 and FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2045, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation

Melissa Theiss, EWGCOG, summarized staff’s recommendation to amend the FY 2016-2019 and FY 2017-2020 TIPs, Connected2045 and related Air Quality Conformity Determination to add the following new project:

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Motion approving the recommendation was made by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Eckert. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Authorization to amend the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and enter into agreements to conduct MetroLink studies in St. Louis City and County

Jim Wild, EWGCOG, summarized staff’s recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County to obtain necessary funds to conduct MetroLink studies; and to amend the UPWP to include the proposed studies.

Motion approving the recommendation was made by Mr. Slay, seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Waller acknowledged and thanked EWGCOG staff for their dedication in developing the FY 2017-2020 TIP.

Mr. Wild, EWGCOG, referenced the Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award (OLGA) nomination forms at the table. He encouraged the nomination of worthy individuals/groups for the awards, which will be given at the Annual Meeting to be held in November, and he advised that Julie Stone is the staff contact for additional questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Mosley. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Wild
Secretary, Board of Directors