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Anti-Displacement Update

To: CMC Members

Thank you for your support to receive the Anti-Displacement Recommendation Report and work in partnership with project sponsors to coordinate and develop a proposed framework and public engagement plan with community members and other stakeholders. As CMC members have discussed, advancing and resourcing robust strategies to prevent displacement and build community prosperity is critical to the delivery of the Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit project.

Framework and engagement plan documents in development

The project has begun to draft a community prosperity framework and inclusive engagement plan to guide anti-displacement work. The framework document will be a living document that outlines our commitments, strategies, and plans.

The engagement plan will outline how we work directly with community to co-create solutions and strategies. We will be working with your organizational staff to collaboratively develop drafts of these two foundational documents.

Draft legislative platform taking shape

Corridor agency partners met at the end of September to begin developing a coordinated legislative platform to work with state and federal policymakers to identify potential resources and policy opportunities that support community prosperity and anti-displacement strategies.

The policy statements in development currently focus on:

- Financial underwriting
- Land use
- Commercial and business development
- Culture and community vibrance
- Housing
- Workforce development

The policy statements are based on the recommendations developed by the Anti-Displacement Work Group in the Blue Line Extension Anti-Displacement report received by the CMC earlier this year. They are intended to grow support for local implementation of specific policies and programs.

Corridor agency partners will reconvene at the end of October to continue this work with the goal of selecting specific policies that each agency envisions sponsoring, adapting, and adopting as part of their individual legislative processes.