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# **Board Report**

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation
Authority
One Gateway Plaza
3rd Floor Board Room
Los Angeles, CA

Agenda Number: 42.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 28, 2016

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

ACTION: ADOPT AN AMENDED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE

FUTURE BIFURCATION OF AN EXISTING SUBSURFACE TUNNEL EASEMENT, AND FOR THE OUTGRANT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS IN A PORTION OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-

022, 5161-017-023, & 5161-017-033 (HEREINAFTER THE "PROPERTY").

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### CONSIDER:

- A. HOLDING a public hearing on the proposed Amended Resolution of Necessity;
- B. ADOPTING an amended **Resolution of Necessity** clarifying the nature of the property rights to be acquired in the pending eminent domain action against **Japanese Village**, **LLC**, **et al (hereinafter "Owner")**, in support of the Metro Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project, including a provision for the bifurcation of the existing subsurface tunnel easements, and for the outgrant to the Property Owner of the space between the bifurcated tunnel easements in the context of Metro's long-range plans affecting the Property.

(REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTE)

#### DISCUSSION

As part of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project ("Project"), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("METRO") requires certain subsurface tunnel and grouting easements on the Property. A written offer was presented to the Owner, as required by California Government Code Section 7267.2. The parties were unable to reach a negotiated agreement, and the METRO Board previously approved a Resolution of Necessity on June 26, 2014, authorizing the commencement of eminent domain proceedings through the filing of a complaint in eminent domain ("Complaint"). METRO filed the Complaint on July 3, 2014, wherein METRO sought to acquire the following property interests from the Owner:

• Two permanent subsurface easements for tunnel alignment, designated as METRO Project

Parcel Nos. RC-450 and RC-451; and

 Multiple subsurface easements for the installation of grouting pipes, designated as METRO Project Parcel Nos. RC-450-1, RC-451-1, RC-451-2, RC-451-3, and RC-451-4

On June 4, 2015, the Court granted an Order for Prejudgment Possession to METRO for the aforementioned subsurface tunnel and grouting easement rights (see Attachment A).

In an effort to mitigate the impacts to the Property, and to enable the Property Owner to develop its Property to its fullest possible potential, METRO re-evaluated the need for the proposed 'monolithic' (single) subsurface tunnel easements for the two proposed subway tunnels. METRO's design team determined that it could bifurcate (split into two parts) the monolithic subsurface tunnel easements, which would result in a three (3) to four (4) foot wide area between the bifurcated subsurface tunnel easements, to allow for future development use by the Property Owner. The METRO design team also determined that additional (new) grouting easements, and changes to the existing subsurface tunnel easements, would be required to facilitate the bifurcation of the subsurface tunnel easements. METRO submitted these proposed changes to the Court in its Motion for Leave to Amend the original Complaint ("Motion"). A hearing on the Motion was held on March 4, 2016 wherein the Motion was granted, subject to the adoption of a new Resolution of Necessity.

Following the hearing on the Motion, the proposed changes to the easements were again reevaluated. METRO's design team determined that all of the necessary grouting required for bifurcation could be accomplished within the existing easement areas granted to METRO pursuant to the Court's Prejudgment Possession Order dated June 4, 2015. Further, it was determined that the only change to the existing subsurface tunnel easements, would be to delineate the portion of the subsurface tunnel easements which could be abandoned (returned) to the Property Owner for future development use. The portion of the subsurface tunnel easements to be abandoned upon completion of construction is shown in Attachment A-1 and designated as Project Parcel RC-451-A. The portion of the subsurface tunnel easements to be retained by METRO upon completion of construction is shown in Attachment A-2 and designated as Project Parcels RC-451-B1 and RC-451-B2. Note that Attachments A-1 and A-2 are for illustrative purposes only, and that the precise portions of the subsurface tunnel easements to be abandoned and retained can only be determined after the completion of construction by a licensed surveyor.

Because the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements are necessary for construction of the Project, staff recommends the acquisition of the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements through eminent domain. None of the work contemplated under the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements will cause displacement or significantly impede the operations of the Owner. An amended Resolution of Necessity is necessary to enable Metro to amend its existing Complaint against the Owner, so that the Complaint conforms to changes in the Project with regard to the property that is required to construct the Project.

In accordance with the provisions of the California Eminent Domain law and Sections 30503, 130220.5 and 132610 of the California Public Utilities Code (which authorize the public acquisition of private property by eminent domain), METRO has prepared and mailed notices of this hearing to the Owner informing them of their right to appear at this hearing and be heard on the following issues: (1) whether the public interest and necessity require the Project; (2) whether the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least

private injury; (3) whether the Property is necessary for the Project; and (4) whether either the offer required by Section 7267.2 of the Government Code has been made to the Owner, or the offer has not been made because the Owner cannot be located with reasonable diligence.

Attached is evidence submitted by staff that supports adoption of the Resolution that has been approved by counsel, and which sets forth the required findings (Attachment "B"). After all of the testimony and other evidence has been received by METRO from all interested parties, METRO must make a determination as to whether to adopt the proposed Resolution of Necessity (Attachment "C") to acquire the Property by eminent domain. In order to adopt the resolution, METRO must, based upon all the evidence before it, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of its governing body, find and determine that the conditions stated above exist.

#### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

This Board action will not have an impact on safety standards for Metro.

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

This project is funded by Measure R 35% backed TIFIA loan, and a combination of various local and state grants and Federal grants. The funding to acquire the Property is included in the approved fiscal year 2016 project budget, under Measure R Project Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project 860228, in cost center 8510 (Construction Procurement), account number 53103 (Acquisition of Land). This has no impact to operations eligible funds.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A- Order for Prejudgment Possession

Attachment A-1-Subsurface Easements - Portion to be Abandoned

Attachment A-2-Subsurface Easements - Portion to be Retained

Attachment B-Staff Report

Attachment C-Resolution of Necessity

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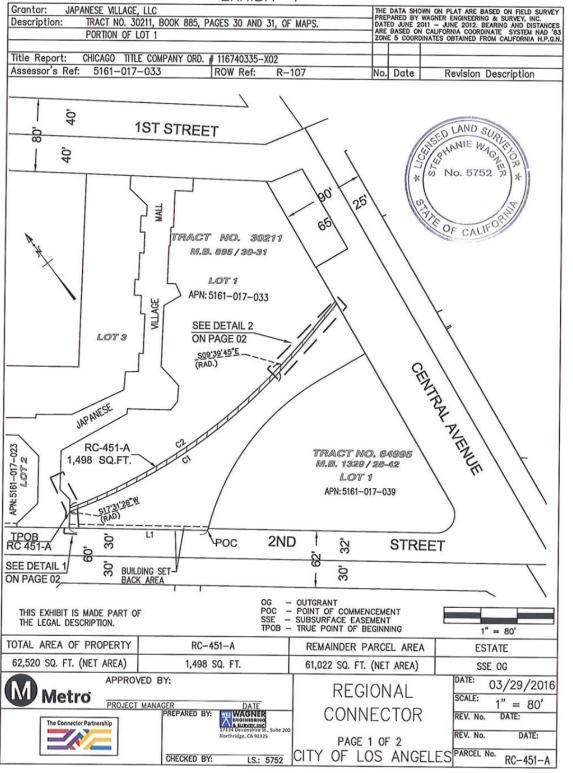
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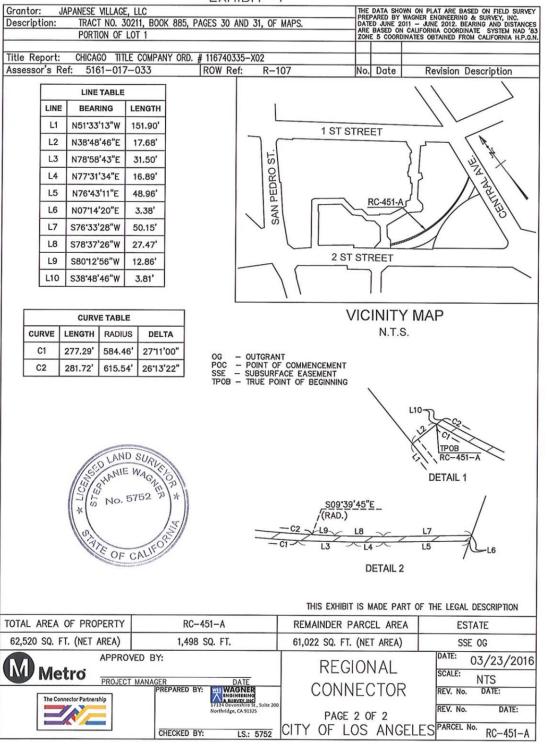
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**Subsurface Easements – Portions to be Abandoned** 

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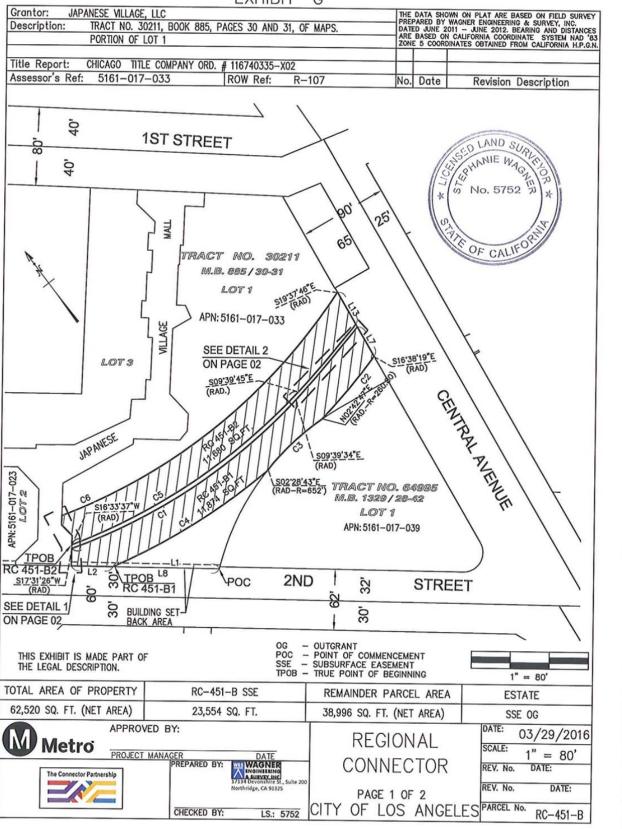
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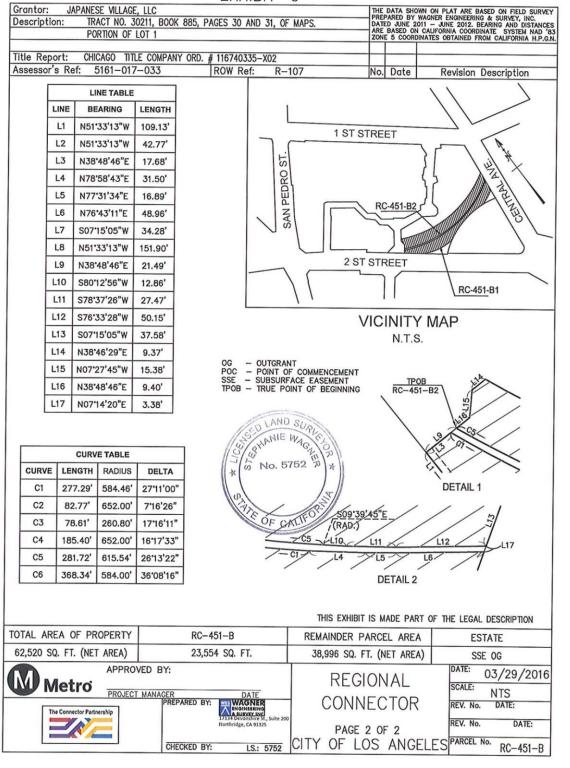
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**Subsurface Easements – Portions to be Retained** 

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# **ATTACHMENT A**

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY, a California Public Entity,

Plaintiff,

v.

JAPANESE VILLAGE, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

JAPANESE VILLAGE, LLC,

Cross-Complainant,

v.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY,

Case No. BC550348

[Honorable Teresa Sanchez-Gordon -- Dept. 74]

[Complaint Filed 07/03/14]

TROPOSED ORDER RE NOTICE AND MOTION FOR ORDER FOR PREJUDGMENT POSSESSION PURSUANT TO C.C.P. § 1255.460

Date: May 20, 2015 Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept: 74

Assessor's Parcel Nos. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-022, 5161-017-023, 5161-017-033

MTA Parcel Nos. RC-450; RC-450-1; RC-451; RC-451-1, -2, -3, -4

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Cross-Defendant.

[PROPOSED] ORDER FOR PREJUDGMENT POSSESSION

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# ORDER

IT APPEARING and the Court determining that Plaintiff is entitled to acquire subsurface tunneling and grouting easements at Parcel Nos. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-022, 5161-017-023, 5161-017-033 by eminent domain and to take possession of the easements;

IT FURTHER APPEARING and the Court determining that Plaintiff has deposited the probable just compensation to be awarded in the State Treasury under Code of Civil Procedure § 1255.010;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that there is an overriding need for the Plaintiff to possess the subsurface tunneling and grouting easements at Parcel Nos. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-022, 5161-017-023, 5161-017-033 prior to the issuance of final judgment in this proceeding and that Plaintiff will suffer a substantial hardship if the application for possession is denied or limited; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING and the Court determining that the hardship Plaintiff will suffer if possession is denied or limited outweighs any hardship on the Defendants or occupants that would be caused by the granting of the order for possession;

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1255.460 that Plaintiff is authorized and empowered to take possession and use of the subsurface tunneling and grouting easements sought in the Complaint, and to remove from them all persons, obstacles, improvements, or structures after the dates set forth below or, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of service of this order, whichever is later.

Parcel No.	Date After Which Possession to Be Taken	
5161-017-021	July 30, 2015	
5161-017-022	July 30, 2015	
5161-017-023	July 30, 2015	
5161-017-033	July 30, 2015	
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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action; my business address is 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 900, Los Angeles, California 90024.

On May 21, 2015, I served the foregoing "[PROPOSED] ORDER RE NOTICE AND MOTION FOR ORDER FOR PREJUDGMENT POSSESSION PURSUANT TO C.C.P. § 1255.460" on the interested parties, by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

#### See Attached Service List

- (BY MAIL) I caused such envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid to be placed in the United States Mail at Los Angeles, California. I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing mail. Under that practice, it is deposited with the U.S. postal service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Los Angeles, California in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if the postal cancellation date or postage meter dates is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.
- (VIA ELECTRONIC SERVICE) Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the persons at the electronic notification addresses listed above. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.
- BY PERSONAL SERVICE) I delivered such envelope by hand to the addressee(s) above.
- (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.
- (FEDERAL) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

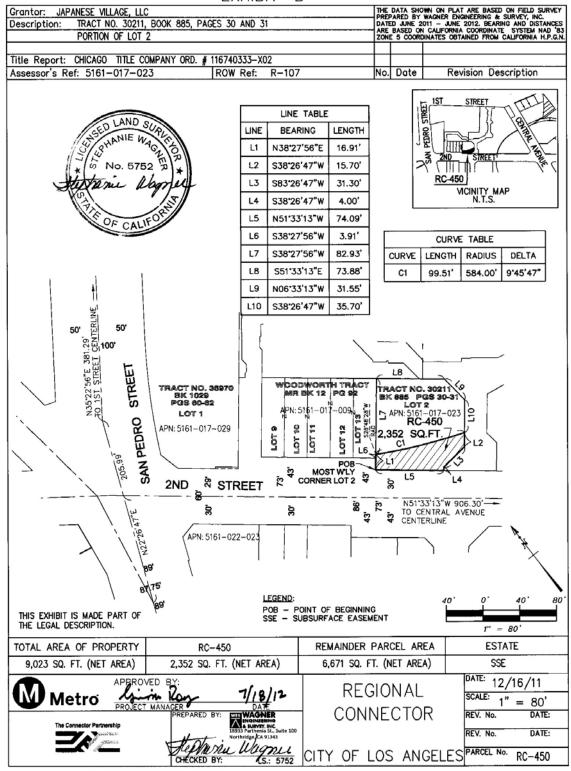
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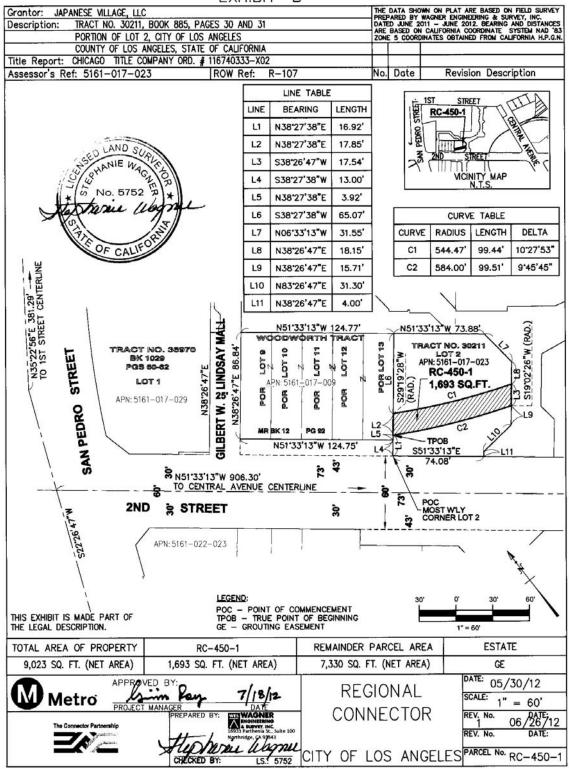
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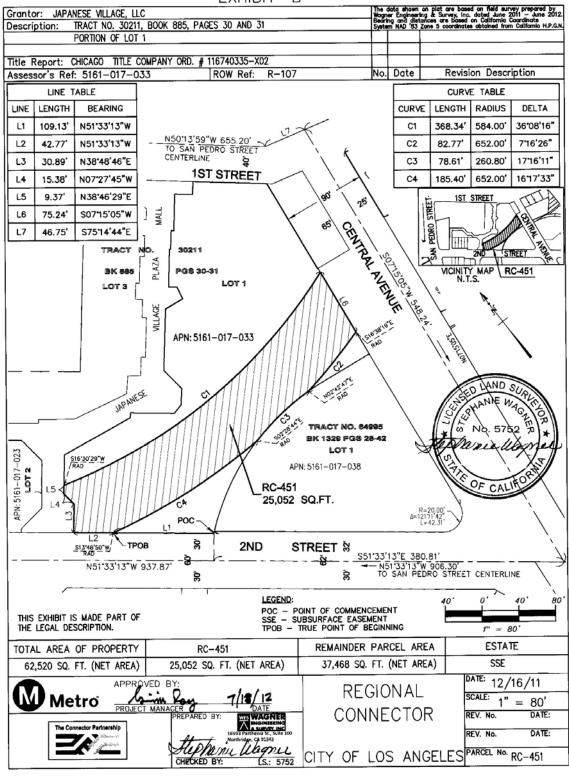
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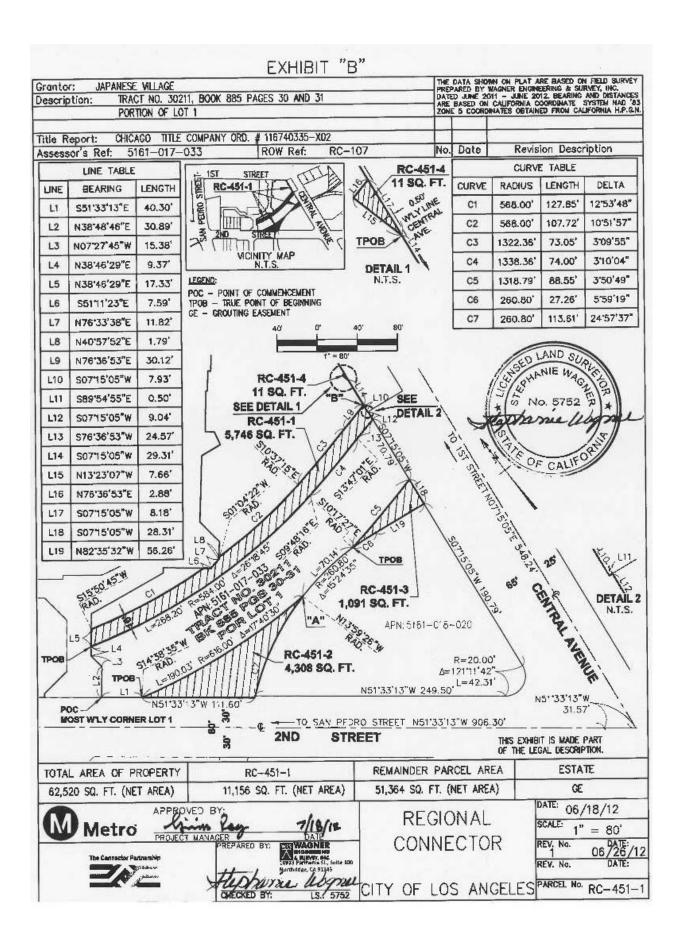


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STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A SUBSURFACE AND GROUTING EASEMENTS ON PARCEL NOS. RC-450, RC-450-1, RC-451, & RC-451-1 THROUGH RC-451-4 (THE "PROPERTY") FOR THE REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT.

#### **BACKGROUND**

As part of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project ("Project"), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("METRO") requires certain subsurface tunnel and grouting easements on the Property. A written offer was presented to the owner of record (hereinafter "Owner"), as required by California Government Code Section 7267.2. The parties were unable to reach a negotiated agreement, and the METRO Board previously approved a Resolution of Necessity on June 26, 2014, authorizing the commencement of eminent domain proceedings through the filing of a complaint in eminent domain ("Complaint"). METRO filed the Complaint on July 3, 2014, wherein METRO sought to acquire the following property interests:

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Because the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements are necessary for construction of the Project, staff recommends the acquisition of the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements through eminent domain. None of the work contemplated under the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements will cause displacement or significantly impede the operations of the Owner.

An amended Resolution of Necessity is necessary to enable Metro to amend its existing condemnation Complaint against the Owner, so that the Complaint conforms to changes in the Project with regard to the property that is required to construct the Project.

#### A. The public interest and necessity require the Project.

The public interest and necessity require the Project for the following reasons:

- 1. The existing population and employment density in the Regional Connector Transit Corridor ("Corridor") is higher that the surrounding County demographics, and is highly transit dependent. The Corridor population density is approximately two-and-a-half times higher than Los Angeles County as a whole. The Corridor has a very high concentration of low-income, minority, transit-dependent residents. More than 39 percent of all Corridor households are below the poverty threshold. 83 percent of Corridor residents are considered minorities, and 60 percent of all households in the Corridor do not have access to an automobile. The Project will provide significant improvements in transportation and attendant access to economic and employment opportunities for low-income, elderly, transit-dependent persons living in the Corridor area.
- 2. The Project would connect the Metro Gold, Blue, and Expo Lines through downtown Los Angeles, enabling passengers to travel the region's largest employment center on Metro's light rail transit (LRT) system without the need to transfer. By providing continuous through service between these lines, the Project will improve access to both local and regional destinations greatly improving the connectivity of the transportation network for the region.

- The Project will offer an alternative transportation option to congested roadways and provide significant environmental benefits, economic development, and employment opportunities throughout the Corridor and Los Angeles County as a whole.
- 4. The Project will enable Los Angeles County rail to operate more efficiently and attract higher ridership, thereby reducing congestion, improving air quality and lessening the regional carbon footprint. By linking several LRT systems through Downtown Los Angeles, the Project will significantly increase regional mobility.

It is recommended that based on the above evidence, the Board find and determine that the public interest and necessity require the Project.

# B. The Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

On September 3, 2010, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) was circulated and reviewed by interested and concerned parties, including private citizens, community groups, the business community, elected officials and public agencies. Public hearings were held to solicit citizen and agency comments. A total of five alternatives were presented in the DEIR/DEIS: No Build, Transportation Systems Management (TSM), and three build alternatives utilizing Light Rail Transit (LRT) technology - Fully Underground, Underground Emphasis, and At-Grade Emphasis. On October 28, 2010 the Board adopted the Fully Underground LRT Alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), after review and consideration of the comments received from circulation of the 2010 DEIS/DEIR. The Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR) on April 26, 2012. A Record of Decision was received from the Federal Transit Administration on June 29, 2012.

Various parties have challenged the FEIS/FEIR pursuant to the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA") and the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). On May 29, 2014, a federal judge held in Japanese Village LLC v. Federal Transit Administration, 2:13-CV-0396-JAK (PLAx)(C.D. Cal, complaint filed Jan. 18, 2013) that the Project fully and properly complied with NEPA in relation to the Property, but the Court did take issue with certain portions of the Project FEIS that are unrelated to the Property. The fact that a portion of the FEIS unrelated to the Property was found to be insufficient does not prevent MTA from approving a Resolution of Necessity and filing an eminent domain action to take interests in the Property. (U.S. v. 0.95 Acres of Land (1993) 994 F.2d 696 (NEPA compliance is not a defense to a condemnation action); Golden Gate Land Holdings LLC v. East Bay Regional Park District (2013) 215 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 353 (irregularities in environmental documentation do not prevent a public entity from filing a condemnation action)). Further, while there is a pending CEQA challenge to the Project, Japanese Village LLC v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, No. BS137343 (Los Angeles Sup. Ct., complaint filed May 21, 2012), a pending CEQA challenge does not prevent MTA from approving a Resolution of Necessity and the filing of an eminent domain action to take the Property. (Golden

Gate, 215 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> at 376-377; Santa Monica Baykeeper v. City of Malibu (2011)193 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1538, 1547).

The Project is a Fully Underground LRT dual-track alignment, which will extend from the Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo/Arts District Station to the 7th Street/Metro Center Station in downtown Los Angeles, allowing passengers to transfer to the Blue, Expo, Red, and Purple Lines, bypassing Union Station. The 1.9-mile alignment will serve Little Tokyo, the Arts District, Civic Center, the Historic Core, Broadway, Grand Ave, Bunker Hill, Flower St., and the Financial District, and will benefit the City of Los Angeles and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Project includes three stations:

- 1st Street/Central Avenue
- 2nd Street/Broadway
- 2nd Place/Hope Street

The Corridor has some of the highest population and employment density in the Southern California region, as well as the highest proportion of transit ridership. No significant expansion of existing freeway and street networks is planned to accommodate this density and future expected growth. During various community meetings, the residents of the Corridor area expressed their need for improved transit service because many are transit-dependent and need better access to the region's educational, employment, and cultural opportunities. The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) addresses those needs and moves more people in a way that is energy efficient and with the least environmental impact.

The Project will cause private injury, including the use of certain private property. However, no other alternative locations for the Project provide greater public good with less private injury. Therefore, the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

Due to its bulk, the FEIS/FEIR is not physically included in the Board's agenda packet for this public hearing. However, the FEIS/FEIR documents should be considered in connection with this matter. It is recommended that, based upon the foregoing, the Board find and determine that the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

#### C. The Property is necessary for the Project.

The Property is needed for the construction and operation of the tunnel alignment which connects the Red Line 7th and Metro Station and Little Tokyo Gold Line Station Site. The Property requirements are based on the approved FEIS/FEIR for the Project. The Project requires subsurface tunnel and grouting easements for the monitoring of the installation of grouting pipes, and subsurface tunnel and grouting easements to install, monitor and remove surface ground movement instruments. Staff recommends that the Board find that the acquisition of the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements on the Property are necessary for the Project. None of the work contemplated under the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements will cause displacement or significantly impede the operations of the Owner.

#### D. Offers were made in compliance with Government Code Section 7267.2

California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1245.230 requires that a Resolution of Necessity contain a declaration that the governing body has found and determined that either the offer required by Section 7267.2 of the California Government Code has been made to the Owner, or the offer has not been made because the Owner cannot be located with reasonable diligence.

California Government Code Section 7267.2 requires that an offer be made to the Owner and in an amount which the agency believes to be just compensation. The amount must not be less than the agency's approved appraisal of the fair market value of the Property. In addition, the agency is required to provide the Owner with a written statement of, and summary of the basis for, the amount it established as just compensation.

Staff has taken the following actions as required by California law for the acquisition of the Property:

- Obtained appraisals to determine the fair market value of the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements;
- 2. Reviewed and approved the appraisals, and established the amount it believes to be just compensation;
- Determined the Owner with ownership of the interests at issue by examining the county assessor's record and the title report;
- 4. Made a written offer to the Owner for the full amount of just compensation which was not less than the approved appraised value; and
- Provided the Owner with a written statement of the basis for, the amount established as just compensation.

It is recommended that the based on the above Evidence, the Board find and determine that the offers required by Section 7267.2 of the California Government Code has been made to the Owner.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Resolution of Necessity.

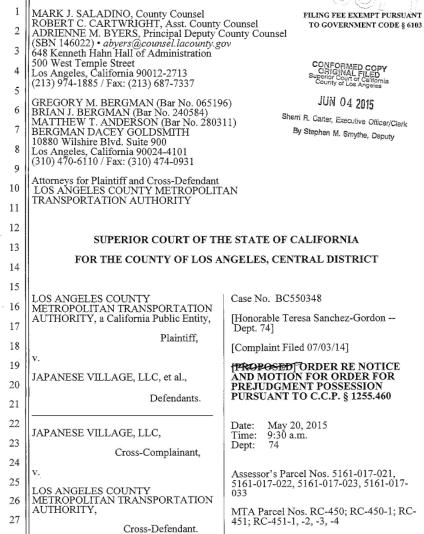
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- A Order for Prejudgment Possession
- A-1 Subsurface Easements Portion to be Abandoned
- A-2 Subsurface Easements Portion to be Retained

# **ATTACHMENT A**

Order of Prejudgment Possession (June 4, 2015)

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[PROPOSED] ORDER FOR PREJUDGMENT POSSESSION

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#### ORDER

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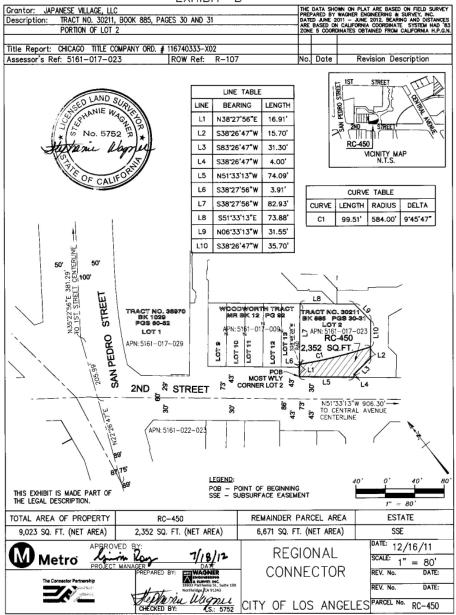
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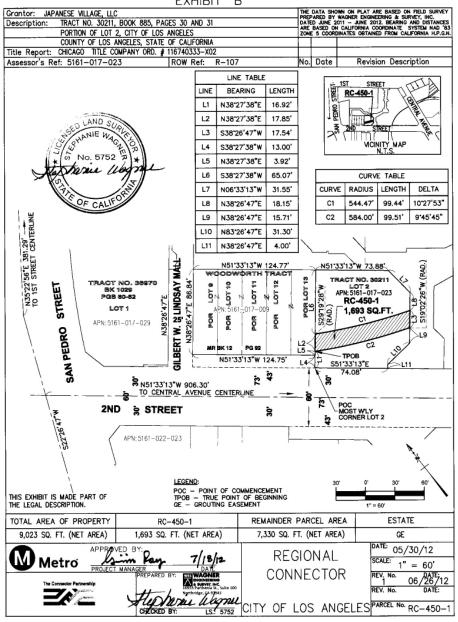
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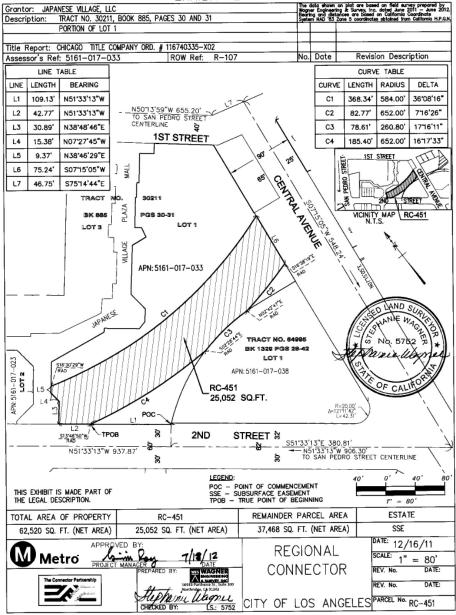
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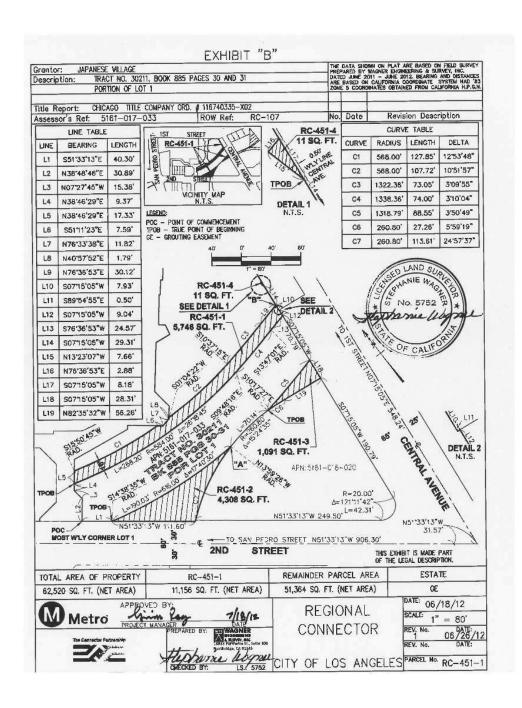
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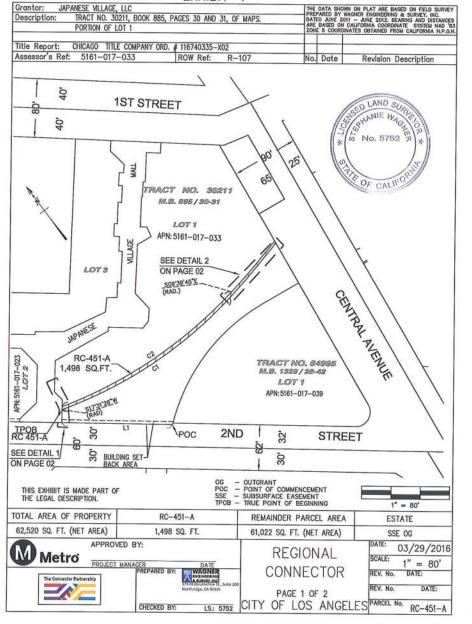




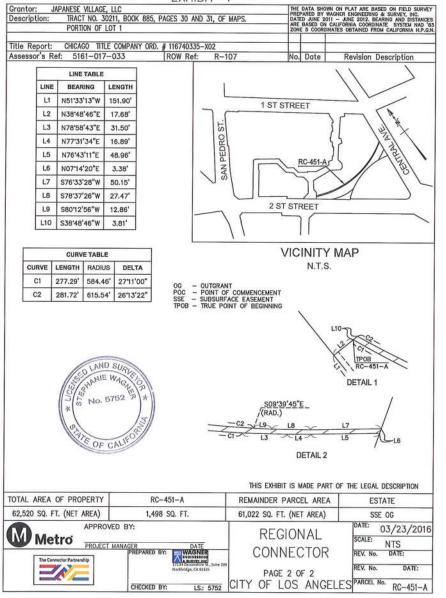


# **ATTACHMENT A-1**

Subsurface Easements - Portions to be Abandoned

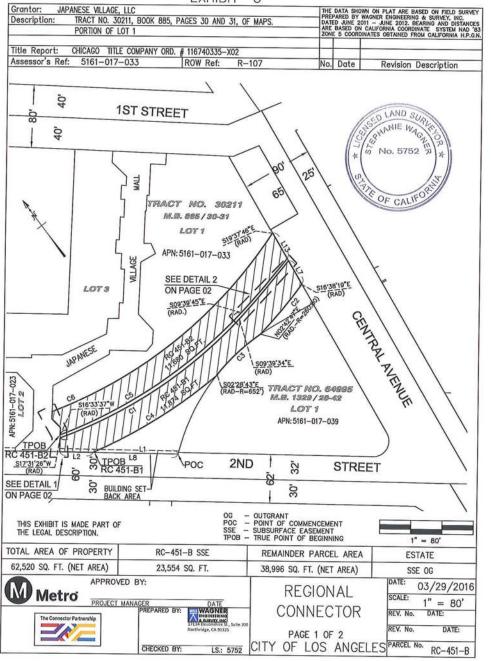


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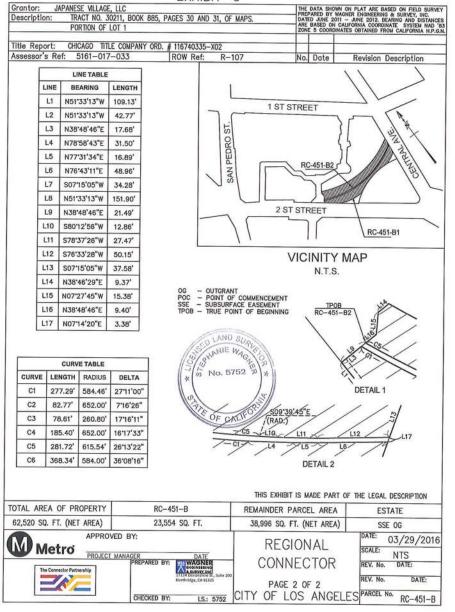


# **ATTACHMENT A-2**

#### Subsurface Easements - Portions to be Retained



#### EXHIBIT "G"





REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 28, 2016

SUBJECT: REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

ACTION: ADOPT AN AMENDED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO PROVIDE

FOR THE FUTURE BIFURCATION OF EXISTING SUBSURFACE TUNNEL EASEMENTS, AND FOR THE OUTGRANT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS IN A

PORTION OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-

022, 5161-017-023, & 5161-017-033 (HEREINAFTER THE

"PROPERTY").

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- Hold a public hearing on the proposed Amended Resolution of Necessity.
- B. Adopt an amended Resolution of Necessity clarifying the nature of the property rights to be acquired in the pending eminent domain action against Japanese Village, LLC, et al (hereinafter "Owner"), in support of the METRO Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project, including a provision for the bifurcation of the existing subsurface tunnel easements, and for the outgrant to the Property Owner of the space between the bifurcated tunnel easements in the context of METRO'S long-range plans affecting the Property.

### **RATIONALE**

As part of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project ("Project"), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("METRO") requires certain subsurface tunnel and grouting easements on the Property. A written offer was presented to the Owner, as required by California Government Code Section 7267.2. The parties were unable to reach a negotiated agreement, and the METRO Board previously approved a Resolution of Necessity on June 26, 2014, authorizing the commencement of eminent domain proceedings through the filling of a complaint in eminent domain ("Complaint"). METRO filed the Complaint on July 3, 2014, wherein METRO sought to acquire the following property interests from the Owner:

- Two permanent subsurface easements for tunnel alignment, designated as METRO Project Parcel Nos. RC-450 and RC-451; and
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On June 4, 2015, the Court granted an Order for Prejudgment Possession to METRO for the aforementioned subsurface tunnel and grouting easement rights (see Attachment A).

In an effort to mitigate the impacts to the Property, and to enable the Property Owner to develop its Property to its fullest possible potential, METRO re-evaluated the need for the proposed 'monolithic' (single) subsurface tunnel easements for the two proposed subway tunnels. METRO's design team determined that it could bifurcate (split into two parts) the monolithic subsurface tunnel easements, which would result in a three (3) to four (4) foot wide area between the bifurcated subsurface tunnel easements, to allow for future development use by the Property Owner. The METRO design team also determined that additional (new) grouting easements, and changes to the existing subsurface tunnel easements, would be required to facilitate the bifurcation of the subsurface tunnel easements. METRO submitted these proposed changes to the Court in its Motion for Leave to Amend the original Complaint ("Motion"). A hearing on the Motion was held on March 4, 2016 wherein the Motion was granted, subject to the adoption of a new Resolution of Necessity.

Following the hearing on the Motion, the proposed changes to the easements were again reevaluated. METRO's design team determined that all of the necessary grouting required for bifurcation could be accomplished within the existing easement areas granted to METRO pursuant to the Court's Prejudgment Possession Order dated June 4, 2015, Further, it was determined that the only change to the existing subsurface tunnel easements, would be to delineate the portion of the subsurface tunnel easements which could be abandoned (returned) to the Property Owner for future development use. The portion of the subsurface tunnel easements to be abandoned upon completion of construction is shown in Attachment A-1 and designated as Project Parcel RC-451-A. The portion of the subsurface tunnel easements to be retained by METRO upon completion of construction is shown in Attachment A-2 and designated as Project Parcels RC-451-B1 and RC-451-B2. Note that Attachments A-1 and A-2 are for illustrative purposes only, and that the precise portions of the subsurface tunnel easements to be abandoned and retained can only be determined after the completion of construction by a licensed surveyor.

Because the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements are necessary for construction of the Project, staff recommends the acquisition of the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements through eminent domain. None of the work contemplated under the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements will cause displacement or significantly impede the operations of the Owner. An amended Resolution of Necessity is necessary to enable Metro to amend its existing Complaint against the Owner, so that the Complaint conforms to changes in the Project with regard to the property that is required to construct the Project.

In accordance with the provisions of the California Eminent Domain law and Sections 30503, 130220.5 and 132610 of the California Public Utilities Code (which authorize the public acquisition of private property by eminent domain), METRO has prepared and mailed notices of this hearing to the Owner informing them of their right to appear

at this hearing and be heard on the following issues: (1) whether the public interest and necessity require the Project; (2) whether the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury; (3) whether the Property is necessary for the Project; and (4) whether either the offer required by Section 7267.2 of the Government Code has been made to the Owner, or the offer has not been made because the Owner cannot be located with reasonable diligence.

Attached is evidence submitted by staff that supports adoption of the Resolution that has been approved by counsel, and which sets forth the required findings (Attachment "B"). After all of the testimony and other evidence has been received by METRO from all interested parties, the METRO must make a determination as to whether to adopt the proposed Resolution of Necessity (Attachment "C") to acquire the Property by eminent domain. In order to adopt the resolution, the METRO must, based upon all the evidence before it, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of its governing body, find and determine that the conditions stated above exist.

### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

This Board action will not have an impact on safety standards for Metro.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This project is funded by Measure R 35% backed TIFIA loan, and a combination of various local and state grants and Federal grants. The funding to acquire the Property is included in the approved fiscal year 2015 project budget, under Measure R Project Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project 860228, in cost center 8510 (Construction Procurement), account number 53103 (Acquisition of Land). This has no impact to operations eligible funds.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If this action is approved by the Board, METRO's condemnation counsel will be instructed to take all steps necessary to file a First Amended Complaint in the pending eminent domain action, in which METRO has already obtained one or more prejudgment Orders of Possession with regard to the subsurface tunnel and grouting construction easements. Counsel will also be directed to prosecute the case to judgment to obtain the relief sought by the First Amended Complaint.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A Order for Prejudgment Possession
- A-1 Subsurface Easements Portion to be Abandoned
- A-2 Subsurface Easements Portion to be Retained
- B Staff Report
- C Resolution of Necessity

Prepared by: Velma C. Marshall, Deputy Executive Officer - Real Estate (213) 922-2415

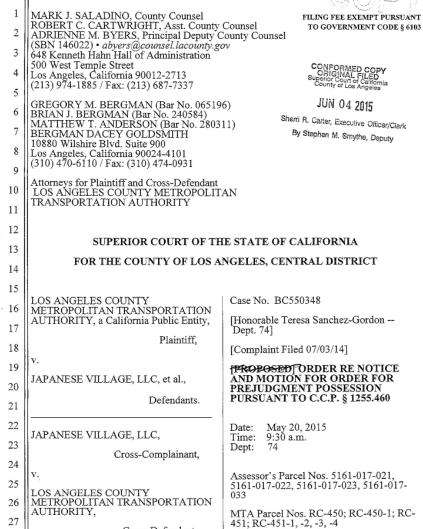
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# **ATTACHMENT A**

Order of Prejudgment Possession (June 4, 2015)

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[PROPOSED] ORDER FOR PREJUDGMENT POSSESSION

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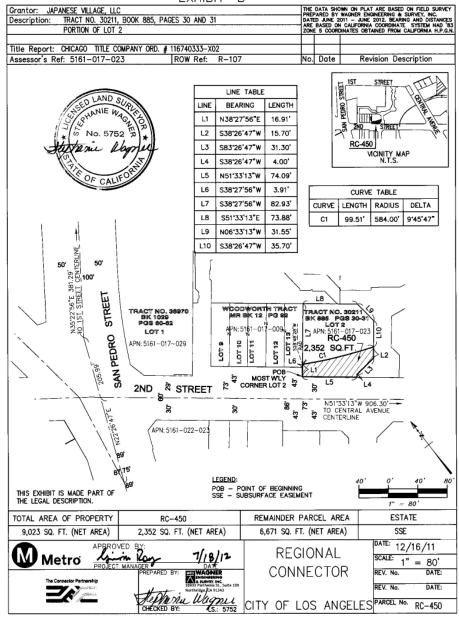
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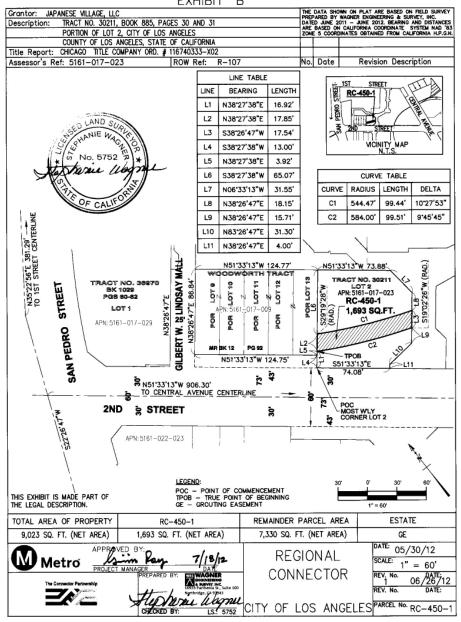
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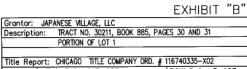
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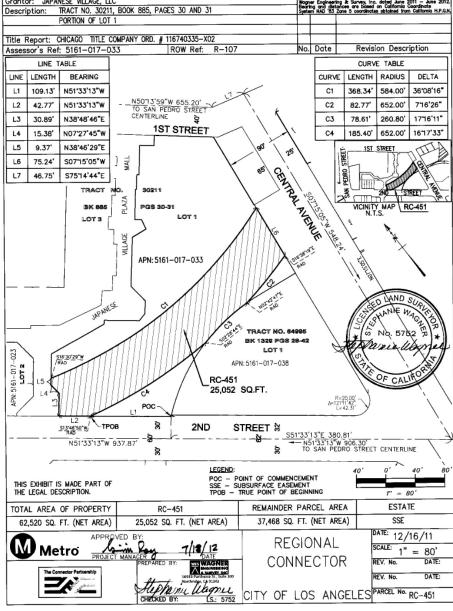
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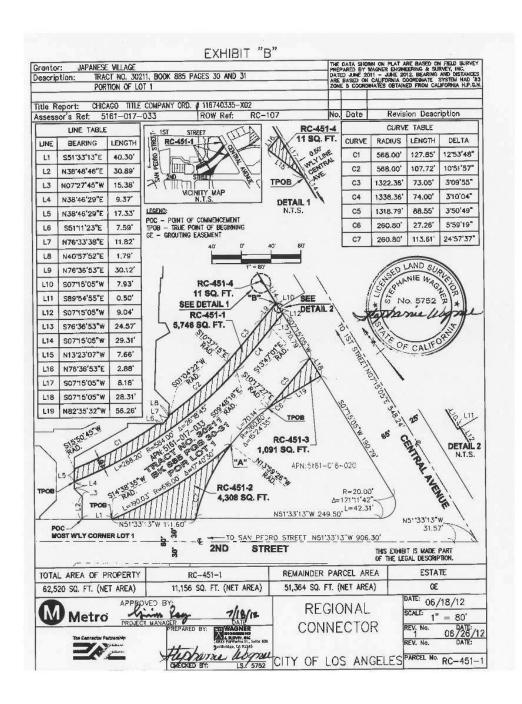
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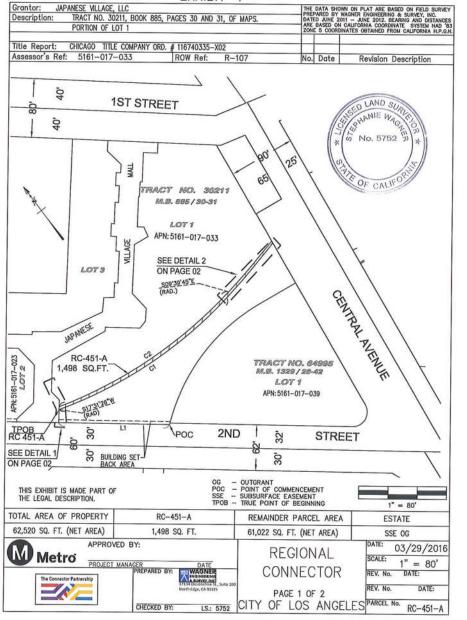




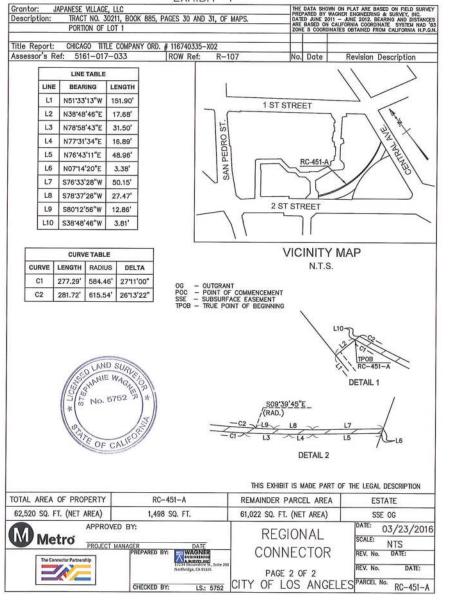


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Subsurface Easements - Portions to be Abandoned

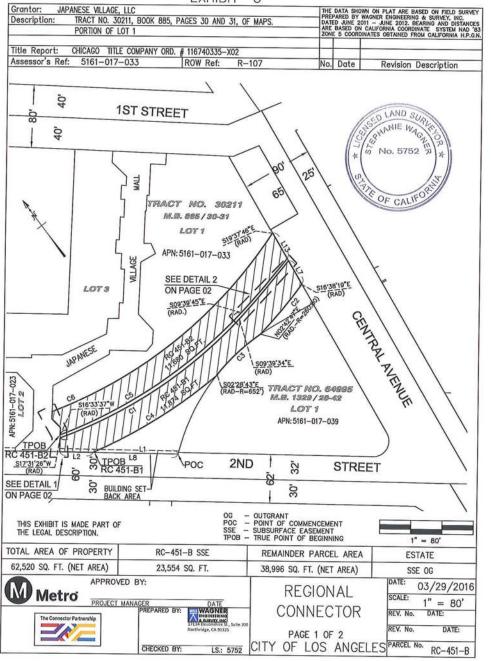


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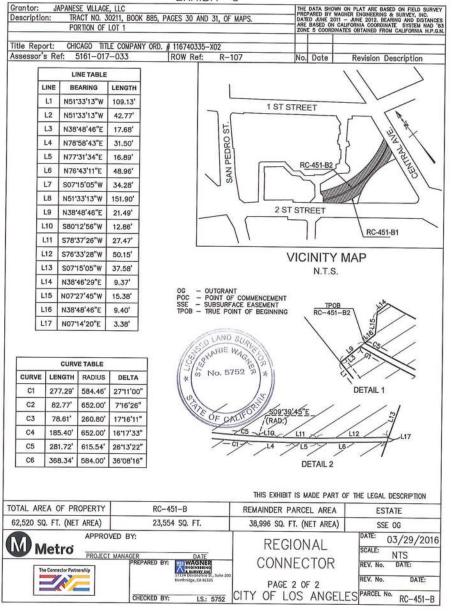


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Subsurface Easements - Portions to be Retained



### EXHIBIT "G"



STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A SUBSURFACE AND GROUTING EASEMENTS ON PARCEL NOS. RC-450, RC-450-1, RC-451, & RC-451-1 THROUGH RC-451-4 (THE "PROPERTY") FOR THE REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT.

### **BACKGROUND**

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An amended Resolution of Necessity is necessary to enable Metro to amend its existing condemnation Complaint against the Owner, so that the Complaint conforms to changes in the Project with regard to the property that is required to construct the Project.

### A. The public interest and necessity require the Project.

The public interest and necessity require the Project for the following reasons:

- 1. The existing population and employment density in the Regional Connector Transit Corridor ("Corridor") is higher that the surrounding County demographics, and is highly transit dependent. The Corridor population density is approximately two-and-a-half times higher than Los Angeles County as a whole. The Corridor has a very high concentration of low-income, minority, transit-dependent residents. More than 39 percent of all Corridor households are below the poverty threshold. 83 percent of Corridor residents are considered minorities, and 60 percent of all households in the Corridor do not have access to an automobile. The Project will provide significant improvements in transportation and attendant access to economic and employment opportunities for low-income, elderly, transit-dependent persons living in the Corridor area.
- 2. The Project would connect the Metro Gold, Blue, and Expo Lines through downtown Los Angeles, enabling passengers to travel the region's largest employment center on Metro's light rail transit (LRT) system without the need to transfer. By providing continuous through service between these lines, the Project will improve access to both local and regional destinations greatly improving the connectivity of the transportation network for the region.

- The Project will offer an alternative transportation option to congested roadways and provide significant environmental benefits, economic development, and employment opportunities throughout the Corridor and Los Angeles County as a whole.
- 4. The Project will enable Los Angeles County rail to operate more efficiently and attract higher ridership, thereby reducing congestion, improving air quality and lessening the regional carbon footprint. By linking several LRT systems through Downtown Los Angeles, the Project will significantly increase regional mobility.

It is recommended that based on the above evidence, the Board find and determine that the public interest and necessity require the Project.

# B. The Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

On September 3, 2010, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) was circulated and reviewed by interested and concerned parties, including private citizens, community groups, the business community, elected officials and public agencies. Public hearings were held to solicit citizen and agency comments. A total of five alternatives were presented in the DEIR/DEIS: No Build, Transportation Systems Management (TSM), and three build alternatives utilizing Light Rail Transit (LRT) technology - Fully Underground, Underground Emphasis, and At-Grade Emphasis. On October 28, 2010 the Board adopted the Fully Underground LRT Alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), after review and consideration of the comments received from circulation of the 2010 DEIS/DEIR. The Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR) on April 26, 2012. A Record of Decision was received from the Federal Transit Administration on June 29, 2012.

Various parties have challenged the FEIS/FEIR pursuant to the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA") and the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). On May 29, 2014, a federal judge held in Japanese Village LLC v. Federal Transit Administration, 2:13-CV-0396-JAK (PLAx)(C.D. Cal, complaint filed Jan. 18, 2013) that the Project fully and properly complied with NEPA in relation to the Property, but the Court did take issue with certain portions of the Project FEIS that are unrelated to the Property. The fact that a portion of the FEIS unrelated to the Property was found to be insufficient does not prevent MTA from approving a Resolution of Necessity and filing an eminent domain action to take interests in the Property. (U.S. v. 0.95 Acres of Land (1993) 994 F.2d 696 (NEPA compliance is not a defense to a condemnation action); Golden Gate Land Holdings LLC v. East Bay Regional Park District (2013) 215 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 353 (irregularities in environmental documentation do not prevent a public entity from filing a condemnation action)). Further, while there is a pending CEQA challenge to the Project, Japanese Village LLC v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, No. BS137343 (Los Angeles Sup. Ct., complaint filed May 21, 2012), a pending CEQA challenge does not prevent MTA from approving a Resolution of Necessity and the filing of an eminent domain action to take the Property. (Golden

Gate, 215 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> at 376-377; Santa Monica Baykeeper v. City of Malibu (2011)193 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1538, 1547).

The Project is a Fully Underground LRT dual-track alignment, which will extend from the Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo/Arts District Station to the 7th Street/Metro Center Station in downtown Los Angeles, allowing passengers to transfer to the Blue, Expo, Red, and Purple Lines, bypassing Union Station. The 1.9-mile alignment will serve Little Tokyo, the Arts District, Civic Center, the Historic Core, Broadway, Grand Ave, Bunker Hill, Flower St., and the Financial District, and will benefit the City of Los Angeles and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Project includes three stations:

- 1st Street/Central Avenue
- 2nd Street/Broadway
- 2nd Place/Hope Street

The Corridor has some of the highest population and employment density in the Southern California region, as well as the highest proportion of transit ridership. No significant expansion of existing freeway and street networks is planned to accommodate this density and future expected growth. During various community meetings, the residents of the Corridor area expressed their need for improved transit service because many are transit-dependent and need better access to the region's educational, employment, and cultural opportunities. The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) addresses those needs and moves more people in a way that is energy efficient and with the least environmental impact.

The Project will cause private injury, including the use of certain private property. However, no other alternative locations for the Project provide greater public good with less private injury. Therefore, the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

Due to its bulk, the FEIS/FEIR is not physically included in the Board's agenda packet for this public hearing. However, the FEIS/FEIR documents should be considered in connection with this matter. It is recommended that, based upon the foregoing, the Board find and determine that the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

### C. The Property is necessary for the Project.

The Property is needed for the construction and operation of the tunnel alignment which connects the Red Line 7th and Metro Station and Little Tokyo Gold Line Station Site. The Property requirements are based on the approved FEIS/FEIR for the Project. The Project requires subsurface tunnel and grouting easements for the monitoring of the installation of grouting pipes, and subsurface tunnel and grouting easements to install, monitor and remove surface ground movement instruments. Staff recommends that the Board find that the acquisition of the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements on the Property are necessary for the Project. None of the work contemplated under the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements will cause displacement or significantly impede the operations of the Owner.

#### D. Offers were made in compliance with Government Code Section 7267.2

California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1245.230 requires that a Resolution of Necessity contain a declaration that the governing body has found and determined that either the offer required by Section 7267.2 of the California Government Code has been made to the Owner, or the offer has not been made because the Owner cannot be located with reasonable diligence.

California Government Code Section 7267.2 requires that an offer be made to the Owner and in an amount which the agency believes to be just compensation. The amount must not be less than the agency's approved appraisal of the fair market value of the Property. In addition, the agency is required to provide the Owner with a written statement of, and summary of the basis for, the amount it established as just compensation.

Staff has taken the following actions as required by California law for the acquisition of the Property:

- Obtained appraisals to determine the fair market value of the subsurface tunnel and grouting easements;
- 2. Reviewed and approved the appraisals, and established the amount it believes to be just compensation;
- Determined the Owner with ownership of the interests at issue by examining the county assessor's record and the title report;
- 4. Made a written offer to the Owner for the full amount of just compensation which was not less than the approved appraised value; and
- Provided the Owner with a written statement of the basis for, the amount established as just compensation.

It is recommended that the based on the above Evidence, the Board find and determine that the offers required by Section 7267.2 of the California Government Code has been made to the Owner.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Resolution of Necessity.

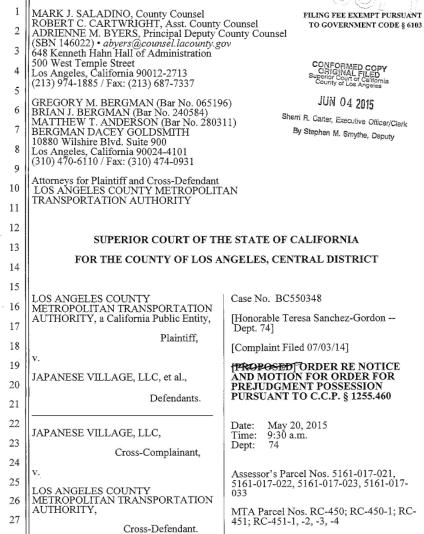
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[PROPOSED] ORDER FOR PREJUDGMENT POSSESSION

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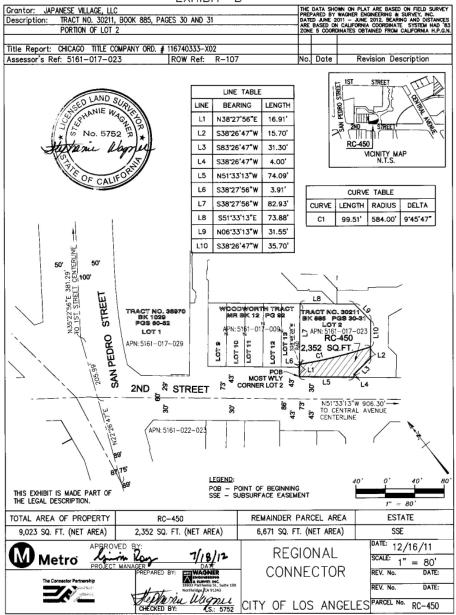
IT FURTHER APPEARING and the Court determining that the hardship Plaintiff will suffer if possession is denied or limited outweighs any hardship on the Defendants or occupants that would be caused by the granting of the order for possession;

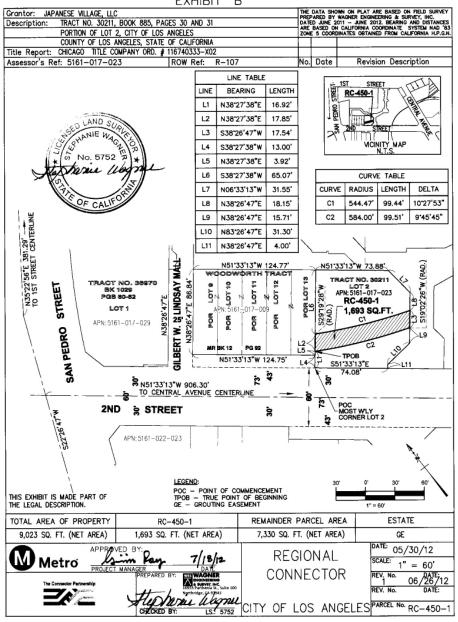
IT IS ORDERED pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1255.460 that Plaintiff is authorized and empowered to take possession and use of the subsurface tunneling and grouting easements sought in the Complaint, and to remove from them all persons, obstacles, improvements, or structures after the dates set forth below or, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of service of this order, whichever is later.

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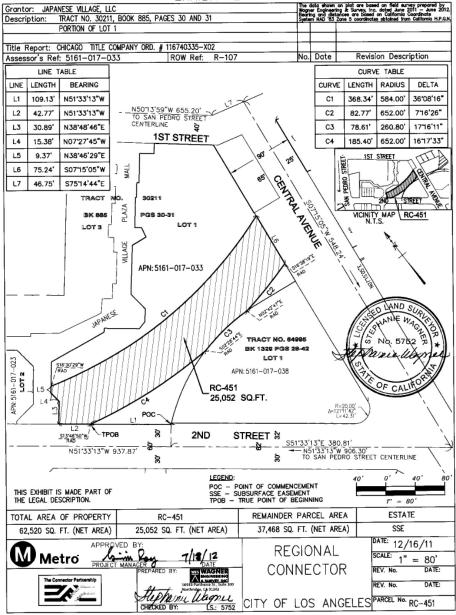
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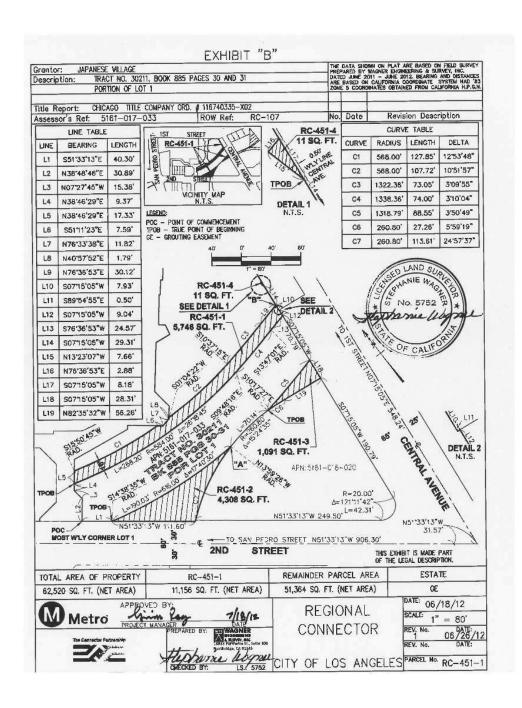
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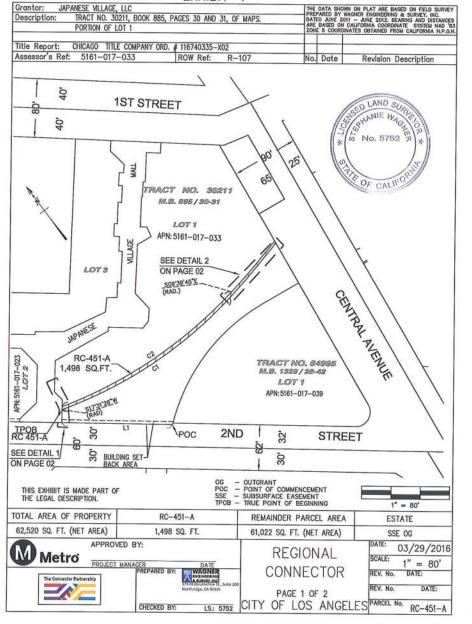




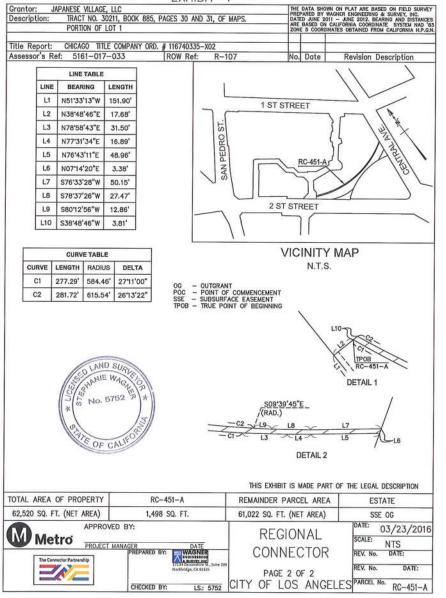


# **ATTACHMENT A-1**

Subsurface Easements - Portions to be Abandoned

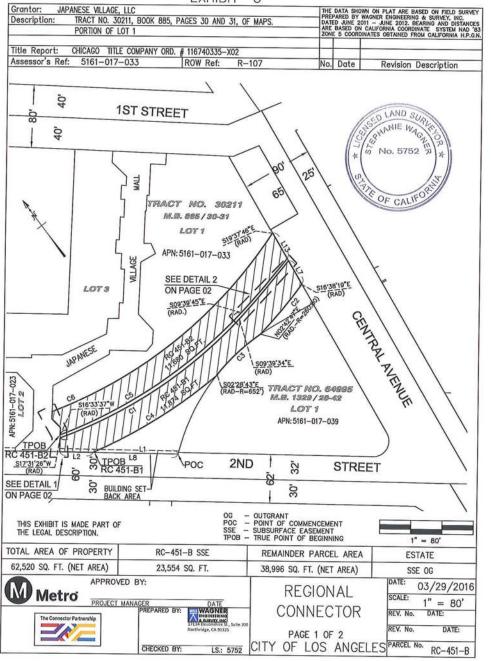


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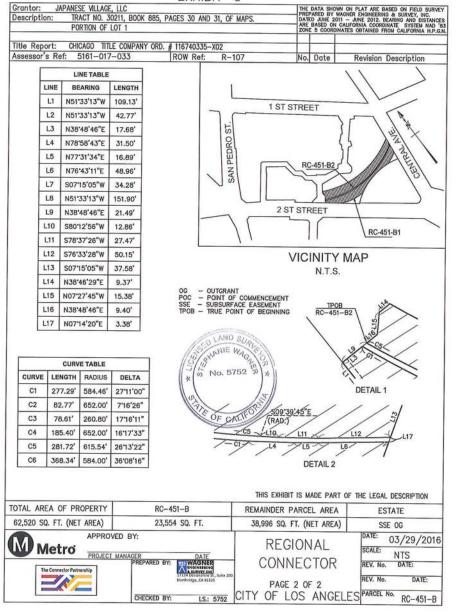


# **ATTACHMENT A-2**

## Subsurface Easements - Portions to be Retained



## EXHIBIT "G"



RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY INTERESTS NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION THEREOF (REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT PARCELS RC-450, RC-450-1, RC-451, AND RC-451-1 THROUGH RC-451-4)

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY HERBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

## Section 1.

The LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ("METRO") is a public entity organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 12 of the California Public Utilities Code (commencing with Section 130050).

#### Section 2.

The property interest described hereinafter is to be taken for public use, namely, for public transportation purposes and all uses necessary, incidental or convenient thereto, and for all public purposes pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Board to acquire property by eminent domain by California Public Utilities Code Sections 30000-33027, inclusive, and particularly Section 30503 and 30600, Sections 130000-132650, inclusive, and particularly Sections 130051.13 and 130220.5, Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1230.010-1273.050, inclusive, and particularly Sections 1240.510 and 1240.610, and Article I, Section 19 of the California Constitution.

#### Section 3.

The required property interests consist of subsurface tunnel and grouting easements to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project ("Project") as described in Attachment "A": Order of Prejudgment Possession, and further described in Attachment "A-1": Subsurface Easements – Portion to be Abandoned; and Attachment "A-2": Subsurface Easements – Portion to be Retained (hereinafter, the "Property"), all of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

## Section 4

- (a) The acquisition of the above-described required interests is necessary for the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project;
  - (b) The environmental impacts of the Project were evaluated in the Final

Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR) for this Project which was certified by the Board on April 26, 2012. The Board found that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15162, no subsequent or supplemental Environmental Impact Report is required for the Project; and

(c) The Board has reviewed and considered the FEIS/FEIR, before and as part of the process of determining whether to acquire the above-referenced Property.

## Section 5.

The Board hereby declares that it has found and determined each of the following:

- (a) The public interest and necessity require the proposed Project;
- (b) The proposed Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury;
- (c) The Property sought to be acquired, which has been described herein, is necessary for the proposed Project; and
- (d) The offers required by Section 7267.2 of the Government Code have been made to the Owner.

## Section 6.

Pursuant to Sections 1240.510 and 1240.610 of the Code of Civil Procedure, to the extent that the Property is already devoted to a public use, the use to which the Property is to be put is a more necessary public use than the use to which the Property is already devoted, or, in the alternative, is a compatible public use which will not unreasonably interfere with or impair the continuance of the public use to which the Property is already devoted.

## Section 7.

That notice of intention to adopt this resolution was given by first class mail to each person whose property interest is to be acquired by eminent domain in accordance with Section 1245.235 of the Code of Civil Procedure and a hearing was conducted by the Board on the matters contained herein.

#### Section 8.

Legal Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to commence legal proceedings, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to acquire the

property interests described above by eminent domain. Counsel is also authorized and directed to seek and obtain an Order for Prejudgment Possession of said Property in accordance with the provisions of the eminent domain law and is directed that the total sum of probable just compensation be deposited with the State Treasurer or the Clerk of the Superior Court. Counsel may enter into stipulated Orders for Prejudgment Possession and/or Possession and Use Agreements, where such agreements constitute the functional equivalent of an Order for Prejudgment Possession. Counsel is further authorized to correct any errors or to make or agree to any non-material changes to the legal description of the real property that are deemed necessary for the conduct of the condemnation action or other proceedings or transactions required to acquire the Property.

Counsel is further authorized to compromise and settle such eminent domain proceedings, if such settlement can be reached, and in that event, to take all necessary action to complete the acquisition, including stipulations as to judgment and other matters, and causing all payments to be made. Counsel is further authorized to associate with, at its election, a private law firm for the preparation and prosecution of said proceedings.

I, MICHELLE JACKSON, Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority at a meeting held on the 28 <sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

	Date:	
MICHELLE JACKSON		
METRO Secretary		

# **ATTACHMENTS**

- A Order for Prejudgment Possession
- A-1 Subsurface Easements Portion to be Abandoned
- A-2 Subsurface Easements Portion to be Retained

# **ATTACHMENT A**

Order of Prejudgment Possession (June 4, 2015)

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

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16	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	Case No. BC550348
17	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, a California Public Entity,	[Honorable Teresa Sanchez-Gordon Dept. 74]
18	Plaintiff,	[Complaint Filed 07/03/14]
. 19	V.	PROPOSED ORDER RE NOTICE AND MOTION FOR ORDER FOR
20	JAPANESE VILLAGE, LLC, et al.,	PREJUDGMENT POSSESSION
21	Defendants.	PURSUANT TO C.C.P. § 1255.460
22	JAPANESE VILLAGE, LLC,	Date: May 20, 2015 Time: 9:30 a.m.
23	Cross-Complainant,	Dept: 74
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25	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	Assessor's Parcel Nos. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-022, 5161-017-023, 5161-017-033
26	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,	
27	Cross-Defendant.	MTA Parcel Nos. RC-450; RC-450-1; RC-451; RC-451-1, -2, -3, -4
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#### ORDER

IT APPEARING and the Court determining that Plaintiff is entitled to acquire subsurface tunneling and grouting easements at Parcel Nos. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-022, 5161-017-023, 5161-017-033 by eminent domain and to take possession of the easements;

IT FURTHER APPEARING and the Court determining that Plaintiff has deposited the probable just compensation to be awarded in the State Treasury under Code of Civil Procedure § 1255.010;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that there is an overriding need for the Plaintiff to possess the subsurface tunneling and grouting easements at Parcel Nos. 5161-017-021, 5161-017-022, 5161-017-023, 5161-017-033 prior to the issuance of final judgment in this proceeding and that Plaintiff will suffer a substantial hardship if the application for possession is denied or limited; and

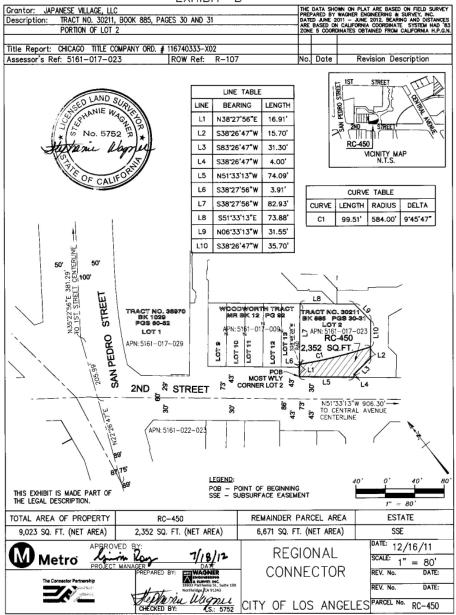
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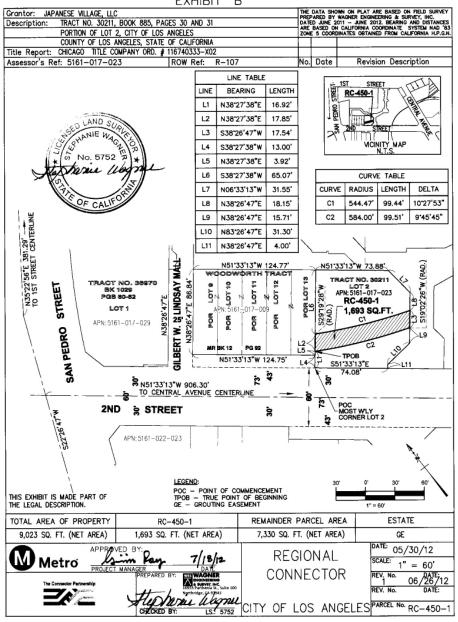
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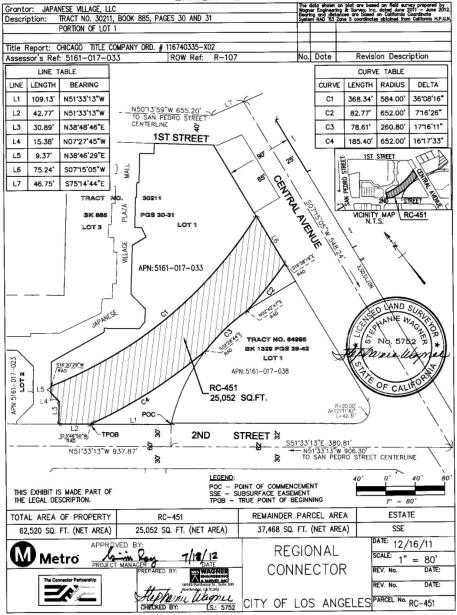
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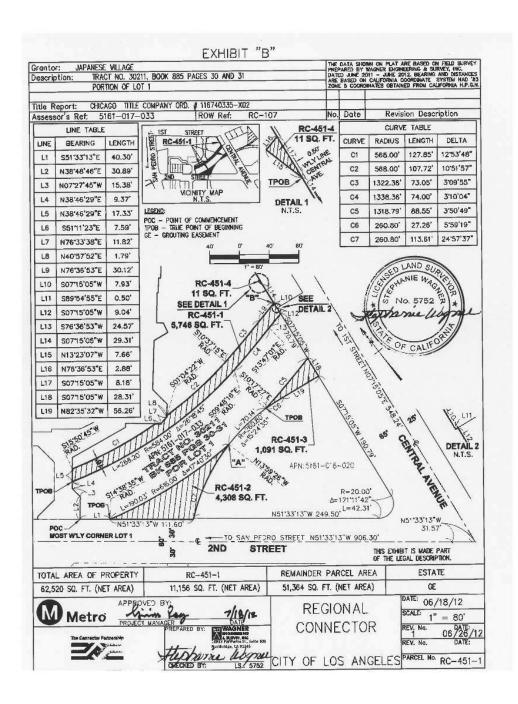
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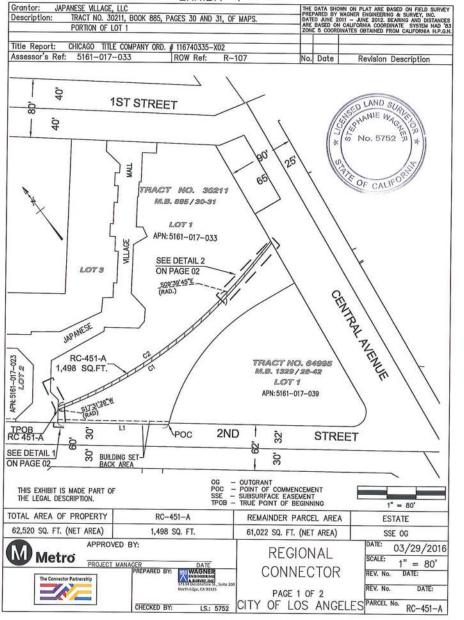




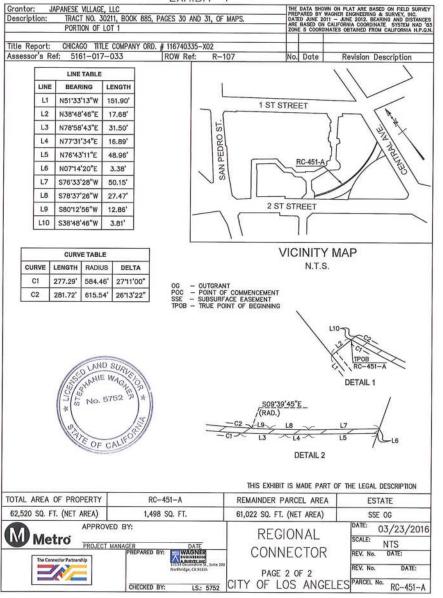


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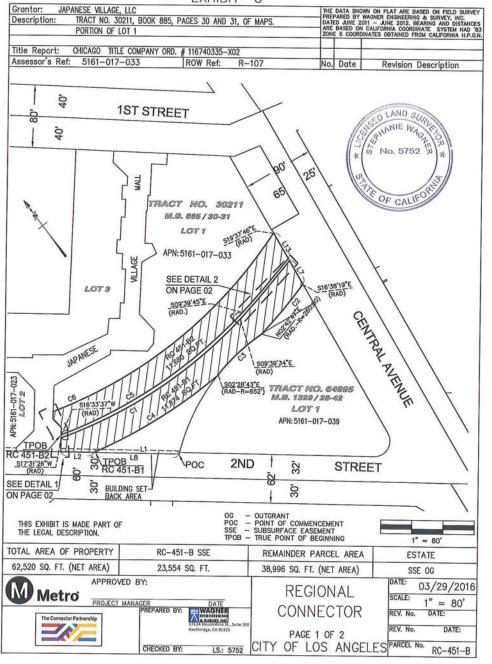


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# **ATTACHMENT A-2**

# Subsurface Easements - Portions to be Retained



## EXHIBIT "G"

