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SUBJECT: ZEB ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY PROJECT SCOPE DEFINITION

ACTION: ORAL REPORT

#### RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on ZEB Alternative Delivery Project Scope Definition.

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# **ZEB Program Alternative Delivery**

Pre-Procurement Work Plan Project Scope

Definition









# Today's Agenda

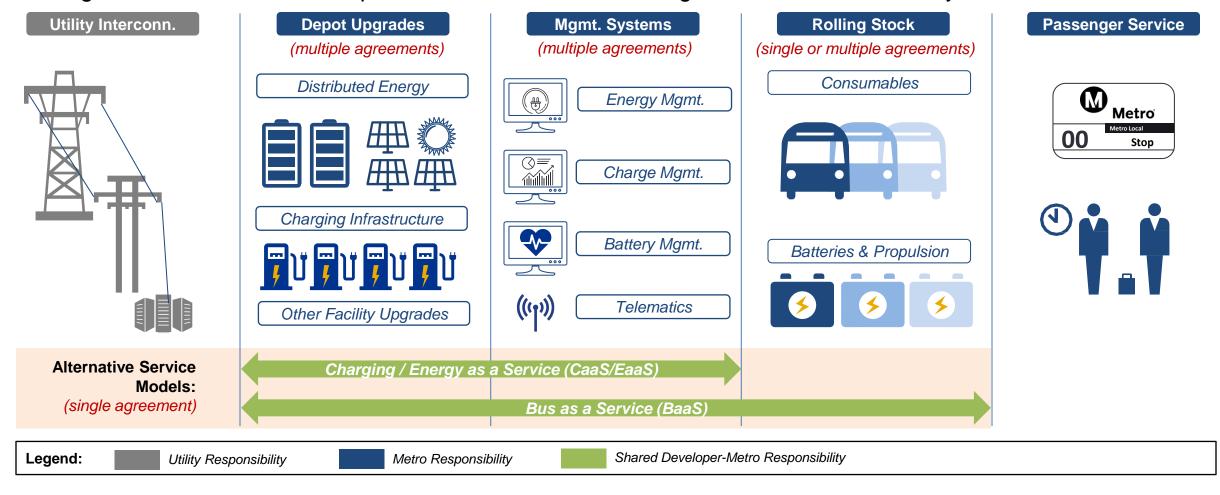
- 1. ZEB Ecosystem & Service Delivery Models
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Appendix: Alternative Delivery Project Division Bundle Selection Criteria



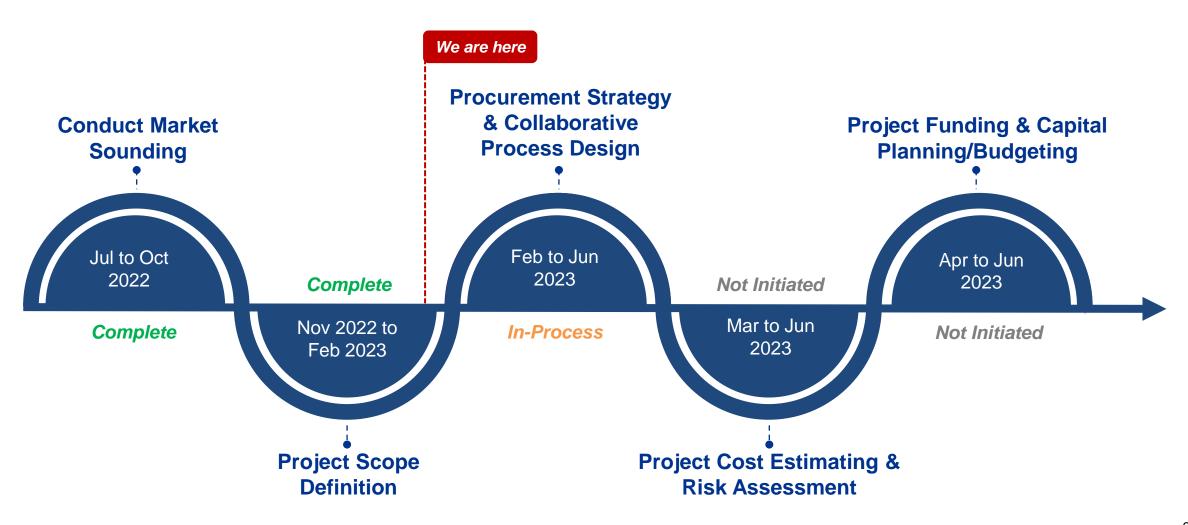
# An Examination of the ZEB Ecosystem & Alternative Service Models

The Alternative Delivery Working Group (ADWG) examined the current ZEB ecosystem to develop a holistic view of the program's development and identify opportunities for alternative delivery to mitigate risks through service-based models, performance-based contracting, or collaborative delivery:





#### **Pre-Procurement Work Plan Timeline**



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Project Scope Definition Workshop
Objectives & Takeaways

#### **Project Scope Definition Workshop Objectives & Takeaways**

The project scope definition phase of the Work Plan began in November and OSI, Operations, and relevant subject matter experts within the ADWG completed a series of workshops across five project areas:

- 1. Division Bundle
- 2. Facilities Assets & Management Systems
- 3. Vehicle & Fleet Assets
- 4. Utility Coordination
- 5. Service Planning & Continuity of Service



# Opportunities & Risks by Including the Buses in the Bundle

- Align vendor incentives (mitigate schedule delivery mismatch)
  - Mitigates schedule delivery mismatch between vehicles and chargers
    - Risk: Creates single critical path for ZEB transition (and aggregates delay risk)
  - Pays for vehicles only when ready to receive them
  - Mitigates bus/charger/systems integration risk and upgrades throughout period of performance
- Single vehicle contract (instead of three contracts of ~250 vehicles each)
  - Potential economy of scale at acquisition
    - Risk: Limited and challenged U.S. bus market due to Buy America & manufacturing capacity
      - Size of the purchase could incentivize participation from non-U.S. based OEMs
  - Vehicle uniformity across the fleet and potential improved O&M performance
    - Risk: Bet on future performance of a single OEM (requires extensive qualifications-based selection)
  - Reduced agency administrative burden
- Turnkey solution and single point of contact for full ZEB ecosystem
  - Expands options for vehicle procurement
    - **Risk:** Similar projects in implementation are international (though strong U.S. market interest)



#### **Alternative Delivery Project Scope Recommendation**

- Division Bundles: Proceed with Divisions 15, 13, 3 and 5 in the alternative delivery bundle as they best fit the selection criteria and minimize third-party challenges (e.g. SHPO, SCE, City of LA, etc.)
  - **Division 3** 630 W Ave 28, Los Angeles
  - Division 5 5425 S Van Ness Ave Los Angeles
  - Division 13 920 N Vignes St, Los Angeles
  - Division 15 11900 Branford St, Sun Valley
  - Selection criteria included the current ZEB transition sequence, equity considerations, capital cost, utility territory, site quality, solar / energy storage potential, etc. A list of the Alternative Delivery Project Division Bundle selection criteria can be found in the Appendix.
- Facilities Assets & Management Systems: Include a general scope for facilities and technology assets from the
  meter to the vehicle (e.g. structures, DERs, management systems, charging equipment, etc.) to deliver the full CaaS
  ecosystem and ensure a single investment and intervention. Balance SGR upgrades and non-revenue / employee
  charging against cost/benefit.
- Vehicles & Fleet Assets: Include vehicles for further examination under the alternative delivery scope

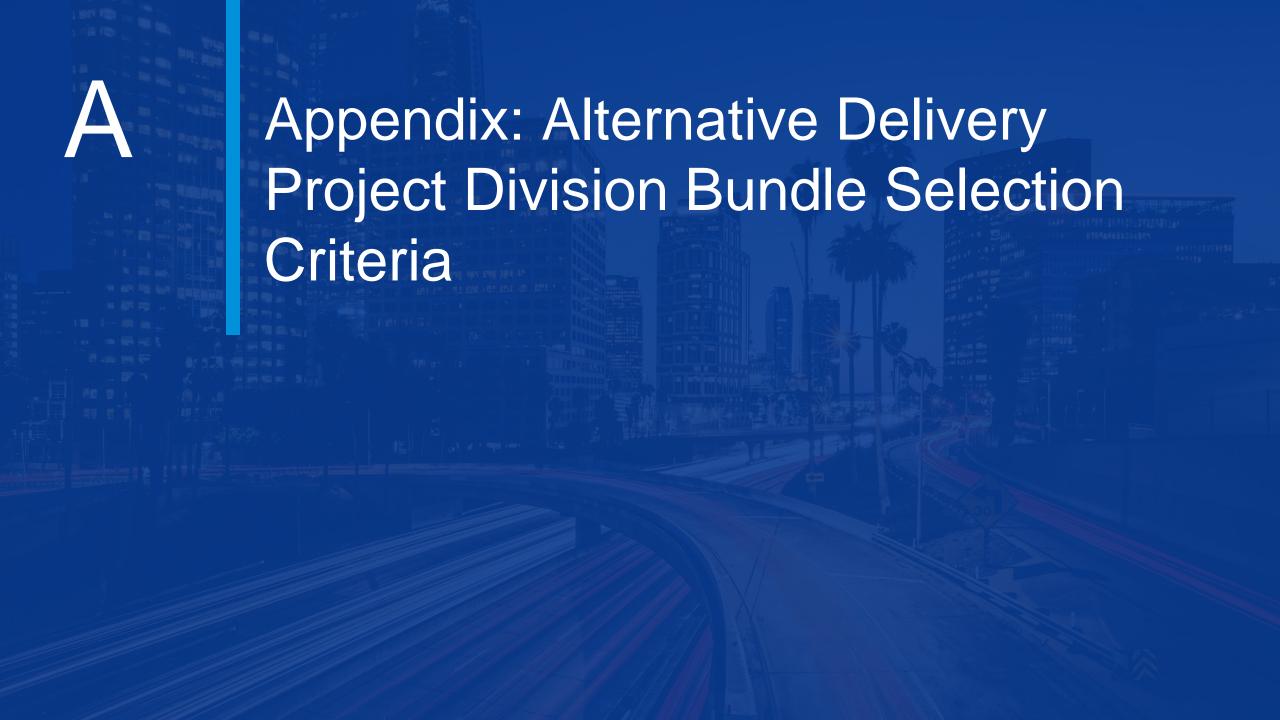
#### **Alternative Delivery Project Scope Recommendation Continued**

- Utility Coordination: A key risk and schedule driver for the whole program (not only for alternative delivery). Develop programmatic utility engagement strategy (i.e. inter-agency MOU)
- Service Planning Impacts & Continuity of Service: Engage Service Development at least one year prior to commencement of construction to ensure temporary service plan ready six months prior



# **ZEB Alternative Delivery Pre-Procurement Work Plan Next Steps**

- Advance to next phase of the Work
  - Frame-out general parameters of the CaaS Developer scope
  - Frame-out procurement approach for a collaborative process to engage a Developer
  - Develop alternative delivery options assessment that outlines scope and procurement strategies
  - Develop procurement options assuming vehicles included while retaining off-ramps
  - Estimate project costs and payments associated with alternative delivery options
- Advance utility strategy to streamline coordination with LADWP, prepare project-level agreement, and execute prior to any procurement
- Investigate CEQA permitting requirements and develop compliance strategy prior to any procurement



#### **Alternative Delivery Project Division Bundle Selection Criteria**

 The following evaluation criteria were identified to select the preferred Division bundle (with potential backup locations) among remaining Divisions (1 / 2 / 3 / 5 / 7 / 13 / 15):

- Current transition sequencing / delivery schedule
- 2. DACs & equity consideration/priority
- 3. Capital costs
- 4. Utility territory
- 5. Utility coordination anticipated lead time
- 6. Available power & Utility upgrade needs (anticipated loads at Division)
- 7. Solar potential at Division location
- 8. DER readiness / real estate needs for solar/storage
- 9. ZEB fleet size / service out of Division

- 10. Site quality
- 11. Environmental approvals / permitting needed
- 12. Dependency on other Divisions during transition
- 13. Service impacts during construction
- 14. Construction optimization/complexity opportunity
- 15. Design Progress
- 16. O&M optimization/complexity opportunity
- 17. On-route charging needs
- 18. On-site labor / Metro functions at each Division
- 19. Co-location potential for other Metro functions