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INFORMATION:

Enterprise Resource Planning Software and Implementation
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Staff will provide a presentation on ERP at the November 14 Dinner Briefing followed by a Request for Council Action for software and implementation services at the November 28 Council Meeting.

City staff has been working since 2008 on strategies and planning to replace the City's 37 year-old financial system with a modern, integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system covering the City's current information management needs. An ERP system manages and facilitates the flow of information – typically financially and/or customer related – among all business functions within an organization. The City's proposed ERP project scope includes the City's Financial, Procurement, Project Cost Accounting, and Grant Cost Accounting information management needs. The project will reduce organizational risk, enhance organizational productivity, and eliminate many of the scores of "shadow" systems that are currently used to remediate the current system's shortcomings.

October 26 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary
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At its meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, the MTC had four action items and heard no information items:

2012 Federal Legislative Agenda
MTC members voted unanimously to adopt the 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda and support passage of the federal surface transportation program and funding for the LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) to enable the project to proceed on schedule. CATS CEO is directed to work with elected officials and agency staff to promote the agenda and to seek administrative grants from the federal government for further development of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan.

Red Line Task Force Policy Recommendations
The Red Line Task Force has approved four policy items: to pursue the Red Line Rail project as a regional economic development initiative maximizing land and infrastructure assets, to pursue a dual-benefit project strategy to maximize the movement of both goods and people, to establish a unified district administered through a Joint Powers Authority, and for the state to take the leadership role in the Red Line Rail project to maximize success of the project. Members unanimously approved the action item to direct the Red Line Task Force to complete the steps prior to future action by MTC, based on policies endorsed by the Red Line Task Force, and develop the Red Line financial business plan in a joint meeting with MTC. To enable all parties to attend the joint Red Line Task Force-MTC meeting, the November MTC meeting was moved from November 16 to November 30. Following the November MTC meeting, the Red

Line Task Force would proceed with communicating and referring the financial business plan and schedule to the state and affected member jurisdictions for a summit meeting to be held on December 13. At the November 14 Dinner Briefing, NCDOT's Deputy Secretary Paul Morris will present an overview of the Red Line project to City Council.

North Carolina DOT Prioritization Process

After last month's MTC meeting, NCDOT requested that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) assign up to 550 local points to projects for final ranking at the statewide level. Staff selected the highest-priority projects eligible and assigned points to maximize competitiveness for state funding. MTC members unanimously approved the staff list, which will be taken to the Mecklenburg Union MPO for incorporation into their list to be submitted to NCDOT.

Urban Land Institute (ULI) – Daniel Rose Fellowship Program

MTC members unanimously approved removing the special provisions "a" and "b" from the Southeast Corridor portion of the 2030 Transit Corridor Systems Plan. The MTC also directed CATS staff to work closely with NCDOT and CDOT to incorporate bus services into the design of the HOV/HOT lanes for Independence Boulevard, and to bring back a process and plan a schedule for an alignment study to evaluate a rail transit alignment on the Southeast Corridor that is not in the median of Independence Boulevard. The alignment study will review the technologies of light rail, streetcar and commuter rail, and recommend a rail transit alignment with connections between the rail transit and the Independence Boulevard rapid transit, which will involve examining all potential rail alternatives in the corridor, including those previously studied. In addition, MTC members approved studying transit to the county line or beyond and encouraging Union County's participation in the planning process.

CATS CEO Report

Under the CEO's report, CATS Deputy Director John Muth discussed:

a. **Ridership Report**:
   Overall ridership is up 5 percent for the quarter. The LYNX Blue Line, local bus service and community circulators had steady or increased ridership over last August, but regional and express bus routes continue to see decreased ridership. STS ridership levels are even with last year, as the service is operating at capacity. There is increased demand for trips that qualify for ADA, but limited resources.
b. **Financial Update**:
   Sales tax in August was up about 0.5 percent over August of last year. State operating assistance is likely to be reduced. Staff will continue to monitor sales tax revenue and budget pressures closely.

The next MTC meeting will be November 30, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

October 17 Environment Committee Summary (see "2. ENV Summary.pdf")