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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacki Bacharach
FROM: Don Camph
RE: Activities Summary, August, 2010

Measure R Highway Program

The Measure R Highway Program got off to a fast start with the Iteris team meeting with cities, Metro and Caltrans to get input on potential projects to be funded by the South Bay Measure R Highway Program. During the month we interacted frequently with members of the Iteris team.

A preliminary list of projects has been developed for further discussion and refinement. In addition, Iteris has begun development of project evaluation criteria and methodology to be used to prioritize projects and identify projects to be included in an “Early Successes” group of projects. On August 25 the aforementioned information was presented to the SBCCOG’s Infrastructure Working Group, which is serving as the technical advisory committee for the Measure R Program.

“30/10” Measure R Transit Program Acceleration Plan

We continued to monitor developments with respect to the 30/10 Plan and the associated Accelerated Highway Program effort. Sen. Barbara Boxer said on Aug. 23 that she was “very hopeful” she would have good news in the form of federal funding for at least one of a dozen major transportation projects Los Angeles now wants to build within 10 years, if Congress can be convinced of the benefits of building in 10 years projects that were expected to take 30 years to complete. Boxer said she wanted to tie down some funding for one or two of the dozen planned projects, as something of “a confidence booster,” before tackling the more difficult task of winning federal support for the entire 30/10 Initiative. Currently, there is no federal program large enough to accommodate all 12 transit projects, which are expected to cost some \$14 billion, but expanding an existing program like the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA), which is part of the existing transportation law, is a potential solution to that hurdle, Boxer said.

Other Meetings of Note

On August 18, Kim Fuentes and I met with City of Inglewood staff to receive input on transportation-related issues of interest to the City. These include:

- Location of maintenance yard for the Crenshaw-LAX LRT line;
- Location of the Inglewood Station (LaBrea and Florence);
- How the Measure R program is going to develop; and,
- Recommendations from the La Cienega Corridor study.