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To all Southwest LRT Community Works partners,

This is to inform you that we are withdrawing the Transitional Station Area Action Plans RFP at this time and will reissue it in early 2012, after the consultant selection for Preliminary Engineering has taken place. An announcement is going out today to those firms who submitted an intent to propose.

We regret the necessity for this change in plan but did not anticipate the timing of FTA's approval of SW LRT entry into preliminary engineering and the potential for conflicts presented by having simultaneous procurement for engineering services for SW LRT and transitional station area action plans. After thorough consultation with the Southwest LRT Project Office and the county's Purchasing and Contract Services staff, we concluded the action we are taking will maximize our prospects for robust responses to both RFPs and will enable us to time transitional station area planning activities to coincide with, and interact with, LRT engineering. We believe this will be preferable to having the station area plans developed prior to the commencement of PE.

This revised timeline reflects the commitment of Southwest LRT Community Works to support the most effective and flexible strategies for integration of land use planning and transit engineering. We look forward to coordinating the work of the transitional station area action plans with the preliminary engineering process in the months to come.

Sincerely,

Philip Eckhert, Director
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