Network and Methodology Report January 12, 2012 Roundtable COUNTYWIDE TRANSIT CORRIDORS FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN

Purpose of the BRT Network

 Transforming how people travel around the county or just providing a better alternative for those who take transit?

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 Promoting economic development per current Master Plans or encouraging a different type of development pattern in the county?



land use and transportation: which comes first?

Our transportation system must be based on planned land use. If we are to go beyond the land use in our current Master Plans, what boundaries do we put on the discussion? *"If you can look into the seeds of time, and say which grain will grow and which will not, speak then to me...." - Shakespeare*

...on wedges and corridors



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wedges & corridors - post WW II assumptions

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The mission: *"to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before." – Captain Kirk*

beyond wedges & corridors – what are our assumptions?

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Summary

Current ridership forecasts support only a BRT network that is less extensive and less elaborate than has been proposed

Guidance is needed from the Board as to what land use changes we should use for modeling purposes in an effort to increase ridership for the BRT network, thereby improving the viability of a larger and higherquality network

Summary

A two-step Master Plan process can be used to meet long-term goals and near-term constraints:

- Include in the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan only those corridors whose ridership is supported by current area Master Plans
- Identify additional corridors to be considered for inclusion in future area Master Plans in concert with land use changes

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