

# TRANSPORTATION

## MOTION

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In 1992 the City entered into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, now the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) relative to resolving SCRRA's and MTA's conformity with CEQA requirement at the Taylor Yard. This action was prompted by the presence of blighted conditions in the area adjacent to, and surrounding, the then planned Taylor Yard Commuter Rail Central Maintenance facility.

The agreement required MTA to provide certain services, however to date, MTA has not met its obligations under the agreement. MTA has failed to provide a bridge from Taylor Yard to Elysian Valley —this is the 'public access across the river' referenced throughout the agreement. Because of increases in the cost of construction, MTA asked the City to apply for additional funds in the MTA call for projects even though the bridge is solely MTA's mitigation responsibility. Although the City reluctantly applied on condition of no local match requirement, MTA insisted the City provide a local match.

In addition to the bridge the agreement imposes other requirements on MTA to address the light rail facility at the Taylor Yard / Cornfields in the future. These requirements have not been fulfilled and MTA is currently planning to expand that facility.

Of all its responsibilities under this agreement, MTA has only done two things: complete a required access road and hold community meetings.

Discussions with MTA have met with no further results and the City has no further recourse than to investigate legal remedies as set forth in Section 7 of the agreement.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation and the City Engineer, be instructed and authorized to investigate legal remedies in order to obtain enforcement of the obligations of the MTA set forth in a 1992 agreement relative to conformity with CEQA requirements at the Taylor Yard.

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