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Brief Summary: At its August 13, 2007 Board meeting, The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council unanimously passed a resolution requesting that the City Council commit the funds necessary to evaluate the extent to which national trip standards, which are currently used to evaluate new development, accurately reflect the unique conditions found in Los Angeles. This examination of traffic policy should involve input from the Neighborhood Councils.

Additional Information: See attached

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles requires developers to use the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Guidelines in predicting the traffic impacts of their projects; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines contain many classifications that developers might select for a particular project, each with substantially different impact predictors, such as High-Rise Condominiums, Condominiums, or Mixed Use Developments; and WHEREAS, the City has allowed developers to use different guidelines for similar projects, with no apparent consistency, resulting in increased congestion and inadequate mitigation; and WHEREAS, the Guidelines represent actual studies from all parts of the country, some of which are forty years old; and

WHEREAS, ITE does not reveal where its studies were performed, so that it is not possible to compare factors such as availability of mass transit, proximity of work locations, shopping opportunities and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, specific Guidelines contain a wide range of Average Daily Traffic and Peak Hour rates, for example, the average daily traffic rate for Condominiums ranges from 1.83 per unit per day to 11.79 per unit per day and the AM Peak Hour rate ranges from .15 per unit per day to 1.61 per unit per day, but the City applies only the average number which is 5.86 Average Daily Trips and the average of .44 Peak Hour per unit; and

WHEREAS, Councilpersons Greuel and Rosendahl have asked the City Council to consider new ways of predicting traffic impacts of new developments in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, City Planning Director Gail Goldberg has indicated her support for the motion to develop new formulae for predicting traffic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council previously endorsed and supported a City-wide examination of traffic policy that involves input from Neighborhood Councils;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council commends Councilpersons Greuel and Rosendahl and Planning Director Goldberg for their initiative to examine and improve the way the City predicts traffic impacts and requests the City Council to commit the funds necessary for such a study; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT should also conduct post project validation to determine if other mitigations are required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports a City-wide examination of traffic policy that involves input from the Neighborhood Councils.

(MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE NWSPNC ON AUGUST 13, 2007)

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