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In 1994, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) approved an EIR/EIS and a Statement of Overriding Considerations to construct a Metro Green Line Northern Extension to LAX and beyond to Marina del Rey. This alignment was included in MTA's Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP), in part to mitigate traffic congestion caused by LAX. Due to a loss of funding in the 1990's, the extension was never constructed and LAX was never connected into the regional rail network.

Currently, the City of Los Angeles Department of Airports (LAWA) is developing an updated Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Specific Plan, that includes an analysis of extending the Green Line into, and through, LAX. As part of this Specific Plan update, LAWA will be preparing an environmental analysis, which will include mitigation measures for the extensive traffic congestion in Westchester caused by LAX.

In August 2006, the City Council approved a Motion (Rosendahl/Parks) requesting the Board of Airport Commissioners to reconvene an interagency task force, with the MTA, to develop a proposal for extending the Green Line into LAX. The Motion also directed that this LAX Green Line extension be included in the revised LAX Specific Plan and accompanying environmental clearance. This Interagency Task Force began meeting in February 2007.

A critical part of planning for the LAX Green Line Extension will be completing transit-oriented development plans for the station areas. An immediate planning priority is for the two proposed stations at Aviation and Century and near 98th street and Lot C, both of which will potentially intersect with the proposed LAX Automated People Mover (APM) system, but will provide joint-development opportunities, as well as joint parking opportunities. These light rail stations, and their transit-oriented development (TOD), will not only serve as remote entrances to LAX, but will also serve as entrances to Los Angeles for LAX passengers. In addition, these stations need to be integrated into a broader land-use/transportation planning strategy that encompasses the area between La Cienega and Sepulveda, and Arbor Vitae and 104th Street.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council authorize the Department of Transportation to expend an amount not to exceed \$750,000 from Council District 11's Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan (CTCSP), Fund # 447, to reimburse the Los Angeles City Planning Department, Department of Airports, Department of Transportation, and Metro for costs incurred related to preparing a transit-oriented development district and station area plans for the proposed LAX Green Line Extension, including addressing parking, pedestrian access, LAX People Mover access, streetscape improvements, infrastructure development fees, congestion pricing, and joint-development opportunities, and integrating these into a land-use/transportation planning strategy.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Planning and Airport Departments, be authorized to apply for and accept grant funding from other agencies, such as SCAG, SCAQMD, Caltrans and Metro, to augment the funding provided by this Motion, in order to fully develop these LAX Green Line Extension station area plans.

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See also CF 06-1788

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Planning Department and City Administrative Officer, be authorized to study and initiate implementation of special districts and/or fees for the purpose of funding LAX Green Line Extension and station area infrastructure improvements.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Departments of Transportation and Planning be authorized to hire outside transportation, planning and financial consultants to assist the City in preparing these plans.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation prepare and submit annual reports to the City Council regarding the progress of this project.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 