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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) completed the Metro Orange Line Busway and adjacent bikeway in October 2005. The bikeway and walking path runs the entire 14-mile length of the busway and provides an important amenity for the San Fernando Valley. Unfortunately, transients are living in the adjacent foliage between Balboa Boulevard and Hazeltine Avenue, often constructing living areas, cooking with open flames and defecating and urinating in public. This situation is causing community blight and safety concerns and has generated complaints from the surrounding businesses, as well as those who use the bike path and Metro Orange Line bus.

Currently, it is the responsibility of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to maintain the bike and pedestrian paths and the adjacent vegetation, which is accomplished through a contract with a private landscaping company. The Bureau of Street Services is responsible for maintaining all City rights-of-way, including the removal of homeless encampment with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department. The Bureau, however, does not conduct this activity on the Metro Orange Line right-of-way because of overlapping jurisdiction with LADOT and Metro. These overlapping and conflicting responsibilities have resulted in confusion and, more importantly, no one is addressing the need to permanently remove the homeless encampments, clean the area and ensure that they do not reappear.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the City Attorney, Bureau of Street Services and the Los Angeles Police Department, to report within fifteen (15) days on the current policies and procedures for the maintenance of the bike/walking path along the Metro Orange Line, specifically between Balboa Boulevard and Hazeltine Avenue, and measures to remove the existing transient encampments, clean the area and ensure that they are not re-established.

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