

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

JUNE LAGMAY
City Clerk

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
Executive Officer

Office of the
CITY CLERK


Council and Public Services
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012
General Information - (213) 978-1133
Fax: (213) 978-1040

www.cityclerk.lacity.org

May 11, 2010

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under
Council file No. 08-2595, at its meeting held MAY 7, 2010.


City Clerk
me

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

File No. 08-2595

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

report as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Recommendation for Council action:

DIRECT the Department of Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Bureaus of Engineering (BOE) and Street Services (BOSS), to report to the Transportation Committee in 90 days with detailed Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project work and implementation plans, including staffing needs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: DOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated April 9, 2010 (attached to the Council file), DOT provides a status update of the Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project. The Department's report discusses Environmental Impact Report considerations, public hearings at which the project was discussed, and a tentative project authority approval process. DOT estimates that construction can begin in Spring 2011 and take approximately two years to complete. DOT warns that BOSS staffing shortages due to the City's budget cuts could slow the re-construction of Wilshire Boulevard curb lanes in the Mid-City Area, delaying the completion of the project.

At its meeting held April 14, 2010, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of DOT and the MTA. In response to concerns raised by the community, DOT staff reported that the original project design has been modified to preserve curb cut-outs and curbside parking located along the "condo canyon" portion of Wilshire Boulevard. The MTA representative anticipates that the project will reduce bus delays by 20% by allowing buses to bypass traffic congestion. Committee members expressed concern about the condition of Wilshire Boulevard pavement and the need to fill potholes, the project's traffic impact on parallel streets, and opportunities for segmenting the project. During the public comment period, support for the project was expressed. The Committee recommended that Council direct the DOT to report back in 90 days relative to this project.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
ROSENDAHL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
ALARCON:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES
PARKS:	YES

Paul Kretz
Tom Alarcon
Paul Kretz
 May 7, 2010

ADOPTED

MAY 07 2010

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

JAW
08-2595_rpt_tran_4-15-10

APR 23 2010 CONTINUED TO