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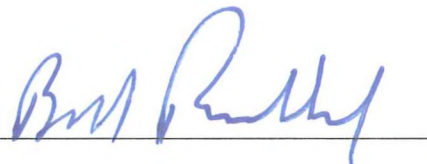
MOTION

On April 22, 2011, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) released the Revised Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (FEIR/EA) for the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit Project for a 30-day public review. The project seeks to add a peak hour bus lanes on Wilshire Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. In the Revised FEIR, the project recommended by Metro staff includes bus lanes for 7.7 miles of Wilshire Boulevard from the Santa Monica/L.A. border to just east of Westwood Boulevard, from Comstock Avenue to the western border of Beverly Hills, and from San Vicente Boulevard to South Park View Street, just west of downtown. The preferred alternative also excludes bus lanes along a one-mile segment of Wilshire Boulevard between Selby and Comstock.

Metro is the lead agency on the project, but the project must also be approved by the City of Los Angeles. On February 2, 2011, the Council took a formal action requesting that Metro complete the necessary additional environmental review and analysis for a shortened peak-hour bus lane project on Wilshire Boulevard between Park View Street and San Vicente Boulevard (C.F. 08-2595-S2). Per this request, the Revised FEIR/EA also studied the impacts of this proposal. It is expected that the Metro Board will approve a final project alternative at their May 26, 2011 meeting to meet a June 2011 Federal Transit Administration deadline.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council direct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), to report to the City Council on May 24, 2011 with an update on the Revised Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (FEIR/EA) for the Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project and recommendations for a locally preferred alternative.

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