


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: October 9, 2011

To: Honorable City Council
C/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Bill Rosendahl, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Jaime de la Vega, General Manager
Department of Transportation 

Subject: **WILSHIRE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT – COUNCIL FILE 11-0695**

The City Council approved the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project with 7.7-mile peak-period bus lanes on June 14, 2011. Subsequently, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the environmental document in August 2011. The Department of Transportation is requesting authority to enter into an MOU with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for up to \$28.34 million for the project.

Recommendation

That the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the Department of Transportation to enter into an MOU with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for \$28.34 million for the Wilshire BRT Project.

Discussion

The Wilshire BRT Project budget is \$28.34 million. Metro is securing final approval for a federal Very Small Starts grant of \$20.98 million and contributing \$4.04 million in Proposition C 25% funds. The City is contributing \$3.32 million, as approved by City Council on August 16, 2011.

Extensive roadway improvements on Wilshire Boulevard, including curb lane reconstruction and selective street widening, will be done before the bus lanes are installed. Design and engineering is scheduled to be completed by June 2013, followed by construction of roadway improvements, traffic mitigation measures, Transit Priority System upgrades, and bus lane striping and signage. The project is expected to be completed and operational by June 2015.

Fiscal Impact Statement

There is no impact to the General Fund.

Coordination

DOT continues to coordinate closely with MTA, Council District offices, Bureau of Engineering, and other City agencies on this project.