

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2011
TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FROM: Dr. Tom Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council Board Member
NELA Coalition Board Member, and LANCC Member

RE: (9) 11-0695 Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit project.

DOT report relative to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for up to \$28.34 million for the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit project.

- 3.a As indicated in the DoT's statement on "Coordination" DoT does not coordinate with the Neighborhood Councils/LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition, the Stakeholders, nor the Pubic regarding this important pilot project. I request the Transportation Committee only approve and recommend this MOU ONLY IF the DoT immediately initiate an implementation coordination program through MOUs with the relevant NCs/LANCC for the issues of implementation and construction and assure that NCs have the timely opportunities to review plans and activities for implementation within their jurisdictions.
- 3.b As indicated in other comments DoT does not coordinate with the Neighborhood Councils/LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition, the Stakeholders, nor the Pubic in a timely fashion. I request the Transportation Committee only approve and recommend this MOU ONLY IF the DoT immediately initiate an DoT/NC MOU system for prospective BRT corridors in other parts of the City. As part of the review of the SR-710 in eastern LA, LA32NC has initiated a plan, TransMode, as an alternative to commuter related improvements of the SR-710, which includes Park-N-Rides and BRT along five corridors in NELA.