

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

File No. 11-0695

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

report as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into an MOU with Metro for up to \$28.34 million for the Wilshire BRT project.
2. DIRECT DOT to identify the specific source of funding to be used for the City's \$3.3 million contribution to the project.

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 October 9, 2011 (attached to the Council file), DOT requests authority to enter into an MOU with Metro for up to \$28.34 million for the Wilshire BRT project. DOT reports that the BRT project budgets totals \$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's contribution is \$3.32 million. DOT goes on to report that 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.

At its meeting held October 26, 2011, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council authorize DOT to enter into an MOU with Metro for the funding of the Wilshire BRT project. Committee further recommended that Council direct DOT to identify the specific source of funding to be used for the City's \$3.3 million contribution to the project.

Respectfully submitted,

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
PARKS:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	ABSENT