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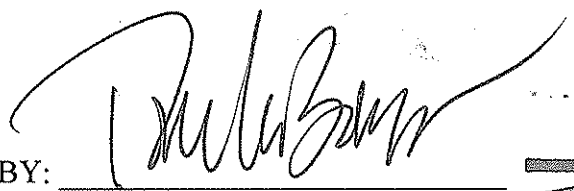
MOTION


The Blue Line is a 22.0 mile light rail line running north-south between Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles, passing through Downtown LA, South Los Angeles, Watts, Willowbrook, Compton, and Long Beach in Los Angeles County. It is one of the six lines in the Metro Rail System, and is the oldest and second busiest line in the system.

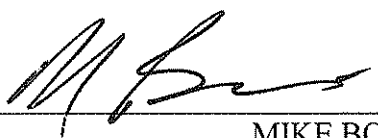
Currently, the Metro Blue Line starts at 7th Street / Metro Center where it runs south down Flower Street, sharing tracks with the Expo Line. Passengers can connect to the Metro Silver Line bus rapid transit line at 7th Street Metro Center and Pico Boulevard Stations. The two lines diverge at Flower Street and Washington Boulevard just south of Downtown Los Angeles. Here the Blue Line turns east on Washington Boulevard before turning south on Long Beach Avenue to join the Pacific Electric four track right-of-way to Willow Station which runs as far as Long beach where the line follows Long Beach Boulevard to the Long Beach Transit Mall.


In the past, there has been discussion for an expansion concept of a "Harbor Line" that would be a light rail line to connect the Wilmington / San Pedro harbor area to the Metro Blue Line. There is a need to bring this discussion back forth to the table as the harbor gateway and the port district of the City of Los Angeles is one of the most populated locations of interest for tourists, residents, businessmen and industries alike.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority be requested to report on the feasibility of implementing a light rail system, connected to the existing Blue Line, that will connect riders to the Wilmington / San Pedro area, with recommendations on funding for such expansion.

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