

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Orange Line is one of Metro's flagship bus routes, running from Chatsworth along a dedicated, exclusive right-of-way to the North Hollywood Metro Red Line Station, entirely within the limits of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Orange Line plays a critical role in the transportation infrastructure of the San Fernando Valley with daily ridership having reached 31,787 by 2012; and

WHEREAS, bi-articulated buses would allow Metro to address the growing public transportation needs of the San Fernando Valley, alleviate congestion, and take advantage of available transportation resources by expanding capacity on this line without expansion of the fixed guideway; and

WHEREAS, bi-articulated buses successfully operate in other parts of the world without incident; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 726 was introduced to address the crowded buses and seek to increase the capacity of the Orange Line in a cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, AB 726 would exempt the route of the Orange Line from the 82-foot vehicle length limitation in existing law, thereby allowing Metro to make use of bi-articulated buses along the Orange Line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 726 (Nazarian) to allow for bi-articulated buses along the Orange Line.

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