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The Union Station and Civic Center areas are the center for unprecedented investments in transit infrastructure, new civic and commercial development, open space and innovative community planning. The Union Station and Civic Center investments and planning efforts are being carried out by several entities, including the City of Los Angeles ("City"), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("Metro"), the California High-Speed Rail Authority ("Authority") and the County of Los Angeles ("County").

Planning efforts include the in-progress updates to the Central City and Central City North Community Plans, the Civic Center Master Plan, and the update to the Alameda District Specific Plan. Investments in transit infrastructure include the in-construction Regional Connector project, and the in-planning Link US and High Speed Rail station at Los Angeles Union Station. The Connect US Action Plan, completed in 2014 through a robust community-driven process, is a roadmap to active transportation improvements connecting transit, employment centers, and historic cultural communities, and to date over \$30 million in grant funding has been secured to implement these projects.

Critically needed coordination is necessary to preserve key public assets, maximize value for future generations and create mechanisms to ensure that households of all income levels benefit. In October 2016, the Metro Board of Directors authorized the formation of a Union Station/Civic Center Exploratory Taskforce ("Taskforce"), consisting of, but not limited to representatives from the City, County, Metro, the Authority, and local community-based groups. This Taskforce will explore how these entities can facilitate regional collaboration, coordination and planning, within the Union Station/Civic Center area. The Taskforce will work to develop a set of mutually agreeable goals and an action plan for achieving those goals.

Metro staff has approached the City and requested its participation in this effort. The talents and resources of multiple agencies must be joined to ultimately create a public asset much greater and more valuable than the sum of each individual agency's responsibility or interest. To this end, the City should participate in the Taskforce.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of other departments as appropriate, be authorized to participate in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Union Station/Civic Center Exploratory Taskforce on behalf of the City; and be instructed to provide a status report to Council, that should include a set of mutually agreeable goals and an action plan for achieving those goals.

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