

The Department of City Planning, in partnership with Metro, is developing several Transit Neighborhood Plans around select station areas that encourage livable communities and employment centers around the region's expanding transit network. The program will generally involve the analysis and implementation of land use, zoning, and development and design regulations and make recommendations to plan for the long-range growth of these areas.

To inform the analysis and recommendations of the Transit Neighborhood Plans, the Department of City Planning has retained a consultant to prepare market studies for select station areas along the Metro Orange Line bus rapid transit in the San Fernando Valley and the Metro Purple Line subway extension in the mid-Wilshire area. These market studies will assess market conditions in relation to various land uses, development feasibility and constraints, provision of public benefits in new development, and employment retention and growth, which will inform the Department's scope and approach for land use and zoning recommendations to support sustainable neighborhoods near transit.

To obtain the data necessary to conduct these market studies, the Department of City Planning needs authority to enter into an agreement with the California Employment Development Department (EDD) for confidential industry and employment data for firms located in select station areas along the Metro Orange Line and Metro Purple Line extension to use in the preparation of market studies for the Transit Neighborhood Plans program. This information regarding the number of employees, wages, and industry classification of firms in these market study areas is crucial to planning for sustainable, transit-supportive development in station areas and to ensuring compatibility between the local workforce and available employment opportunities. The agreement is necessary to ensure confidentiality and security of the data to be released to the City and its contractor(s).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of City Planning be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement and any necessary associated agreement(s), subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, with the California Employment Development Department, to provide the City and any authorized contractor, with confidential employment data for firms located in select station areas along the Metro Orange Line and Metro Purple Line extension for use in the preparation of market studies for the Transit Neighborhood Plans program to: analyze employment trends within select station areas, allow the City to plan for future land uses that support vibrant neighborhoods and employment centers, and encourage further investment and employment growth around the region's expanding transit network.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council adopt the attached Resolution required by the California Employment Development Department for the above purpose.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), is developing several Transit Neighborhood Plans (TNP) around select station areas that encourage livable communities and employment centers around the region's expanding transit network; and

WHEREAS, the program will generally involve the analysis and implementation of land use, zoning, and development and design regulations and make recommendations to plan for the long-range growth of these areas; and

WHEREAS, to inform the analysis and recommendations of the Transit Neighborhood Plans, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning has retained a consultant to prepare market studies for select station areas along the Metro Orange Line bus rapid transit in the San Fernando Valley and the Metro Purple Line subway extension in the mid-Wilshire area; and

WHEREAS, these market studies will assess market conditions in relation to various land uses, development feasibility and constraints, provision of public benefits in new development, and employment retention and growth, which will inform the Los Angeles Department of City Planning's scope and approach for land use and zoning recommendations to support sustainable neighborhoods near transit; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the number of employees, wages, and industry classification of firms in these market study areas is crucial to planning for sustainable, transit-supportive development in station areas and to ensuring compatibility between the local workforce and available employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to ensure confidentiality and security of the data, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning is required to enter into an agreement with EDD and any contractor authorized by the City to perform work for these market studies, to prevent loss and/or disclosure of confidential data;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Authorizes the Los Angeles Department of City Planning and any authorized contractor to examine industry and employment data for firms in select station areas along the Metro Orange Line and Metro Purple Line extension, obtained from the California State Employment Development Department for planning purposes related to the Transit Neighborhood Plans program; and
2. Authorizes the Director of the Department of City Planning to negotiate and execute an agreement and any necessary associated agreement(s) with the California Employment Development Department to obtain confidential employment data for firms located in select stations along the Metro Orange Line and Metro Purple Line extension for use in the preparation of market studies for the Transit Neighborhood Plans program.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on _____, 2017.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By _____ Deputy

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