

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to conducting a neighborhood traffic study in the area bounded by West 39th Street to the north, West Vernon Avenue to the south, South La Brea Avenue to the west and Arlington Avenue to the east.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Wesson - Harris-Dawson - Price):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to conduct a neighborhood traffic study in the area bounded by West 39th Street to the north, West Vernon Avenue to the south, South La Brea Avenue to the west and Arlington Avenue to the east, including updated traffic volume counts and a realistic evaluation of the forthcoming Metro Crenshaw light rail station.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On February 23, 2018, Council considered Motion (Wesson - Harris-Dawson - Price) instructing LADOT to conduct a neighborhood traffic study in the area bounded by West 39th Street to the north, West Vernon Avenue to the south, South La Brea Avenue to the west and Arlington Avenue to the east. Motion states that the proposed redevelopment of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza mall will add more than 300,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, a 10-story office building, a 400-room hotel, 551 condos, and 410 apartments to the 43-acre site. As part of the entitlement process, the developer is required to conduct a traffic study to identify impacts and mitigations of the proposed development, which are primarily congestion or safety related. The anticipated increase in vehicular traffic and its impact on the surrounding residential community, as well as assumptions associated with the anticipated Metro Crenshaw light rail line, necessitate an impartial traffic analysis by the City. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 28, 2018, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve Motion, as amended to delete from the recommendation the following phrase: surrounding the proposed Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza project.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: YES

JAW

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