

## MOTION

In 2008 Measure R provided the San Fernando Valley with seed money to study the possibility of implementing a new mass transit option along Van Nuys Boulevard that would more efficiently move people along a corridor that held the sixth highest ridership in the entire Metro system. Throughout the planning process the community consistently advocated for Light Rail and against a bus only option as the preferred transit solution because it would move the most people in a shorter amount of time. In 2018 Measure M secured the remaining amount needed to build a light rail line along Van Nuys Boulevard. The Metro East Valley Transit Corridor Project is slated to break ground in 2022.

Recently it was learned that Metro, at the request of the Mayor's office, was tasked with exploring the feasibility of implementing bus only lanes in targeted corridors across the system for a potential pilot program. Among the considered candidates is Van Nuys Boulevard from Burbank Boulevard to San Fernando Road. This request was given without consideration nor consultation with the affected council offices. There has been no discussion about the origins of this project, nor indication of what the selection process looked like to determine whether another corridor in the San Fernando Valley would be a better candidate. Given the recent commitment to adopt the Light Rail option as the preferred alternative for the Metro East Valley Transit Corridor Project, there are serious concerns about what message this pilot project will send to the community.

For decades, San Fernando Valley residents have continuously been taxed for transit and have not received a reciprocal amount of investment in service. Metro finally has an opportunity to work with a community that has come around to supporting the implementation of mass transit, after decades of fighting about what mass transit in the San Fernando Valley means. By going down this road and studying the possibility of implementing a substandard transit option within a corridor that is already slated to get another mode, Metro, and the Mayor's office, are putting themselves in a position of having to defend their intentions to the community. This does not bode well for an agency that has had to work hard to restore trust in the San Fernando Valley.

Exploring this pilot project, sends a conflicting message to a community that has been waiting 10 years to see light rail come to Van Nuys Boulevard, not to mention potentially wasting millions in tax payer dollars for a project that will have to be removed when construction begins in 2021. If there are uncommitted funds to improve transit service, it would be more appropriate to expedite the Metro East Valley Transit Corridor project so that we can break ground sooner than 2021.

Metro oversees the system that moves passengers throughout the County, however each individual city within their system has authority over how the roads will be used in their jurisdiction. It is completely unacceptable that the Mayor's office and Metro would not include the Council offices most affected by the potential impacts that will be created by removing one vehicle travel lane or parking lane.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Metro and the Mayor's office be requested to report to the Transportation Committee on their Pilot Bus Only Project, the purpose of the pilot program,

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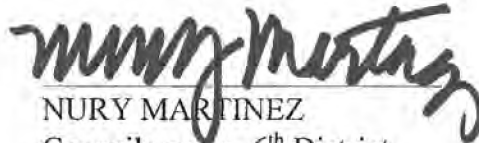


what consideration was given to developing the project concept, what preliminary analysis was completed to help determine the candidates for this project, and what the selection criteria looked like to identify corridors.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation report to the Transportation Committee on what coordination efforts they have been involved with for this pilot project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City of Los Angeles request that Metro remove Van Nuys Boulevard as an option from the Pilot Bus Only Lane Project and include remaining Council offices in the planning and analysis process for the Pilot Bus Only Lane Project.

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