

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to accelerating the Crenshaw North Extension rail line project.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Ryu – Koretz – Wesson – Martinez):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the Mayor's Office, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Department of City Planning, the Economic and Workforce Development Department, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, as well as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the City of West Hollywood, and County of Los Angeles, to accelerate the Crenshaw North Extension rail line project, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Reviewing and commenting on the project's environmental/engineering documentation
 - b. Developing a series of anti-displacement policies and programs to encourage tenant and small business protection, and affordable housing production along the corridor
 - c. Analyzing the viability of using such funding mechanisms as an Enhanced Infrastructure
 - d. Financing District to support the development of the project, the construction of affordable housing, and homeless supportive services
 - e. Identifying other potential funding opportunities the City of Los Angeles could contribute or support to accelerate the development of the project. Prepare a report within 90 days on options to accelerate the project.
2. RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Koretz – Wesson – Bonin).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On January 17, 2020, Council considered Motion (Ryu – Koretz – Wesson – Martinez) relative to accelerating the Crenshaw North Extension rail line project. Motion states Measure M includes \$2.24 billion for the North Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX transit line with a groundbreaking date of 2041 and project completion date of 2047. When combined with the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, currently under construction, the Crenshaw Northern Extension will connect the South Bay, LAX area, South Los Angeles, Inglewood and Crenshaw corridor to Mid-City, Central Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Hollywood, allowing for further connections to points north in the San Fernando Valley via the Metro Red Line. Further, the project would link four Metro Rail lines (Green, Expo, Purple, and Red). Metro has projected that the Crenshaw Northern Extension

when constructed, would have over 90,000 daily riders, the highest ridership of any light rail system in the United States.

Motion goes on to state that Metro initiated a detailed advanced alternatives screening study analyzing a series of technical issues, which is scheduled to be completed later this year. Metro is also in the process of selecting an environmental and engineering team to prepare a full environmental impact report (EIR) assessing various alternate routes for the Crenshaw Northern Extension, starting in early 2020.

As part of the Metro acceleration process, the City of West Hollywood, with input from City of Los Angeles and Metro staff, has prepared a funding analysis supporting the development of a Funding and Delivery Strategic Plan for the Crenshaw Northern Extension. The funding structures analyzed supporting the acceleration of the Crenshaw Northern Extension rail line, would be substantially increased with the official participation by the City of Los Angeles according to Motion movers.

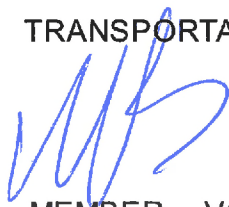
As Metro finalizes their screening study and prepares to award an EIR contract and the City of West Hollywood continues their financial analysis, Motion movers believe that the City of Los Angeles should expand and formalize participation and coordination efforts to facilitate efficient coordination, mutually beneficial outcomes, and potential project acceleration. Motion recommends that the CLA, in consultation with various City Departments and offices and along with other agencies, begin the work and analysis necessary to support the acceleration of the Crenshaw North Extension rail line project.

Motion (Koretz – Wesson – Bonin), similar in content, was introduced in Council on January 14, 2020. Council referred both Motions to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 12, 2020, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter. Representatives of Metro and the City of West Hollywood were in attendance and expressed support for Motion's recommendations. Committee members expressed support for the proposal inasmuch as the project will close gaps in the region's rail network. The Committee Chair stated that accelerating the construction of the Crenshaw North Extension rail line project should in no way delay the design and construction of a proposed rail line to the west connecting the San Fernando Valley to Los Angeles International Airport and the South Bay region. Committee recommended that Council Motion (Ryu – Koretz – Wesson – Martinez), and receive and file Motion (Koretz – Wesson – Bonin).

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

KORETZ: YES

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