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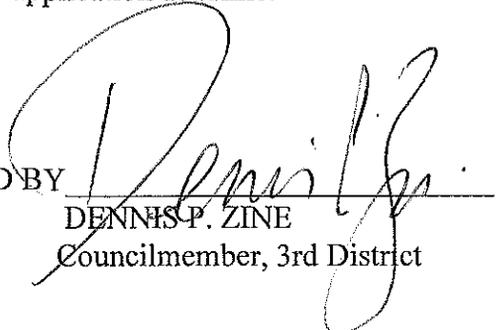
MOTION

On December 1, 2009, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced the availability of \$3,000,000 in Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) grants for transportation and land-use planning projects that encourage community involvement and partnerships. The Notice of Funding Availability requires application to be submitted by March 26, 2010. The City has been working with the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council to develop a grant application to study the feasibility of an internal transit circulator, including the potential for light rail in the Warner Center area of the City of Los Angeles.

Implementing an effective internal circulator in Warner Center is consistent with local, regional and state planning efforts to focus transit investments in regional centers near existing transit infrastructure. Currently, the Warner Center Specific Plan is undergoing a revision and this effort has identified a crucial need for the development of an effective internal circulator system, potentially a light rail system, to sustain the growth that will be permitted by this new plan. Such a system will improve service for current transit riders, attract new riders thereby reducing congestion and pollution and enhance economic development opportunities along with the quality of life in the West San Fernando Valley's largest employment center. It will support the additional jobs and housing currently being planned all in an effort to reduce green house gases and conform to SB 375 and AB 32.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council ADOPT the attached Resolution authorizing the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to apply for and execute a Caltrans FY 2010-11 Community-Based Transit Planning Grant to study the feasibility of an internal transit circulator, including the potential for light rail in the Warner Center area of the City of Los Angeles Caltrans grant award in the amount of \$180,000 before the application deadline.

PRESENTED BY



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Councilmember, 3rd District

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City and Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council intend to submit an application to Caltrans for FY 2010-11 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant to study the feasibility of an internal circulator system, including the potential for light rail transit in the Warner Center area of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, an effective internal circulator in Warner Center will be important to local, regional and state planning efforts to focus transit investments in regional centers near existing transit infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, such a system will improve service for current transit riders and attract new riders, as well as support job creation and enhance the economic vitality and the quality of life in the West San Fernando Valley's largest employment center; and

WHEREAS, the Warner Center Specific Plan is currently being revised and this is an ideal time to begin analyzing development of such a transit system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to submit an application and execute a grant agreement for a Caltrans FY2010-11 Community-Based Transit Planning Grant in the amount of \$180,000 to study the feasibility of an internal transit circulator, including the potential for light rail in the Warner Center area of the City of Los Angeles.