

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE relative to conducting a parking study along the Crenshaw / LAX Transit Corridor Project alignment to assess current and future parking needs.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Parks – LaBonge):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

- a. Conduct a parking study along the Crenshaw / LAX Transit Corridor Project alignment to assess the current and future parking needs, and identify any necessary parking facilities that would be needed to accommodate local parking demands.
- b. Identify the necessary funding for the parking study from the Special Parking Revenue Fund.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. 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 August 27, 2013, Council considered Motion (Parks – LaBonge) relative to conducting a parking study along the Crenshaw / LAX Transit Corridor Project alignment to assess current and future parking needs. Motion states that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) awarded a construction contract to build the Crenshaw / LAX Transit Corridor Project. More than 340 parking spaces will be lost during the construction phase, which may not be replaced after the project is completed. The loss of this large number of parking spaces will reduce the ability of transit riders to access the rail line, seriously impact the businesses along Crenshaw Boulevard, and negatively affect the surrounding residential community as parking spillover occurs on neighborhood streets. Motion recommends that Council instruct LADOT to conduct a study to assess current and future parking needs. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At the Transportation Committee meeting held September 11, 2013, the Committee Chair and member discussed this matter with LADOT staff. Councilmember Parks stated that Metro does not provide enough parking at rail stations for train commuters. Permanent parking facilities are needed at these locations. Metro may have overlooked the need for this type of parking, as well as the impact of the project on local businesses. The Special Parking Revenue Fund can be used to fund the study necessary to evaluate area parking needs.

LADOT staff stated that a task force has been formed to study the matter. The group has focused on means for preserving existing parking and how to address any parking shortages. A comprehensive study will be conducted and the Task Force will report on its progress. The Committee Chair and member recommended that Council approve Motion instructing LADOT to proceed with the parking study and to identify the necessary funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| BONIN:        | YES         |
| KORETZ:       | ABSENT      |
| LABONGE:      | ABSENT      |
| PARKS:        | YES         |
| KREKORIAN:    | ABSENT      |

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