

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the design and construction of left turn traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Western Avenue and Westmont Drive.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Buscaino- Rosendahl), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to prepare and present an agreement with Caltrans for the design and construction of left turn traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Western Avenue (State Route 213) and Westmont Drive, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, including the provision of \$120,000 in front funding from Council District 15 Office discretionary account(s) that would be fully reimbursed.

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

At its meeting held June 11, 2013, Council considered Motion (Buscaino- Rosendahl) relative to an LADOT agreement with Caltrans for the design and construction of left turn traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Western Avenue and Westmont Drive. Motion states there is an existing traffic signal at the intersection of Western Avenue and Westmont Drive that is operated and maintained by Caltrans, yet jointly controlled by Caltrans, and the Cities of Los Angeles and Rancho Palos Verdes. LADOT recently installed bike lanes on Westmont Drive, reducing the number of traffic lanes. This situation has generated complaints regarding increased congestion, some of which are related to the signal operations at the intersection at Westmont Drive and Western Avenue. Caltrans has identified and approved left turn signal modifications, however, due to a lack of funding; has not begun work to implement the improvements. Caltrans will expedite the project if the City of Los Angeles provides \$120,000 in front funding, which would be fully reimbursed. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held June 26, 2013, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council authorize LADOT to enter into an agreement with Caltrans for this project, and provide front funding in the amount of \$120,000.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
PARKS:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT

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