

MOTION

Currently, the Metro Orange Line (MOL) busway through the San Fernando Valley operates under speed restrictions that were not meant to be a permanent measure but rather a short-term approach to allow the public to become more familiar with the new busway. Nevertheless, the order has continued to be in effect and does not allow the MOL to reach the intended operating speeds for which the busway service was designed.

In early 2015, the Council approved Motion (Blumenfield-Krekorian) (C.F. 14-1352) that directed the Department of Transportation to work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to conduct a study to determine appropriate crossing speeds for Metro buses at each intersection. The goal was to reduce travel times for southwest San Fernando Valley riders who depend on the MOL to get to and from work and pick up their children. Another important goal was to encourage usage by residents who have indicated they want to use the MOL but find that traveling by car is more efficient. The study was completed in December 2015 and also included changes to the current signal timing program used by the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council direct the Department of Transportation to immediately implement the recommended operating speeds and signal timing changes identified by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) relative to intersection crossing speeds along the Metro Orange Line.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department coordinate with Metro to implement the additional recommendations that will reduce delays and encourage ridership and efficiency.

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