

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to participation in the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Union Station/Civic Center Exploratory Taskforce.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Huizar - Bonin):

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of other Departments as appropriate, to participate in the Metro's Union Station/Civic Center Exploratory Taskforce on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA and CAO to provide a status report to Council that should include a set of mutually agreeable goals and an action plan for achieving said goals.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 10, 2017, your Committee considered a Motion (Huizar - Bonin) relative to the City's participation in the Metro's Union Station/Civic Center Exploratory Taskforce. According to the Motion, the Union Station and Civic Center areas are the center for unprecedented investments in transit infrastructure, new civic and commercial development, open space and innovative community planning. The Union Station and Civic Center investments and planning efforts are being carried out by several entities, including the City, Metro, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the County of Los Angeles (County).

Planning efforts include the in-progress updates to the Central City and Central City North Community Plans, the Civic Center Master Plan, and the update to the Alameda District Specific Plan. Investments in transit infrastructure include the in-construction Regional Connector project, and the in-planning Link US and High Speed Rail station at Los Angeles Union Station. The Connect US Action Plan, completed in 2014 through a robust community-driven process, is a roadmap to active transportation improvements connecting transit, employment centers, and historic cultural communities, and to date over \$30 million in grant funding has been secured to implement these projects.

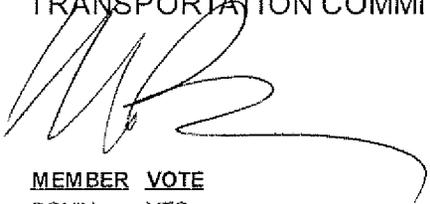
Critically needed coordination is necessary to preserve key public assets, maximize value for future generations and create mechanisms to ensure that households of all income levels benefit. In October 2016, the Metro Board of Directors authorized the formation of a Union Station/Civic Center Exploratory Taskforce (Taskforce), consisting of, but not limited to representatives from the City, County, Metro, the Authority, and local community-based groups. This Taskforce will explore how these entities can facilitate regional collaboration, coordination and planning, within the Union Station/Civic Center area. The Taskforce will work to develop a set of mutually agreeable goals and an action plan for achieving those goals. Metro staff has approached the City and requested its participation in this effort. The talents and resources of multiple agencies must be joined to ultimately create a public asset much greater and more

valuable than the sum of each individual agency's responsibility or interest.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



**MEMBER VOTE**

BONIN: YES  
KORETZ: ABSENT  
HUIZAR: ABSENT  
MARTINEZ: YES  
RYU: YES

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