

MOTION

In 2016 when Los Angeles County voters approved Measure M, the investment plan included \$2.24 billion for the North Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX transit line with a groundbreaking date of 2041 and project completion date of 2047. When combined with the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, currently under construction, the Crenshaw Northern Extension will connect the South Bay, LAX area, South Los Angeles, Inglewood and Crenshaw corridor to Mid-City, Central Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Hollywood, allowing for further connections to points north in the San Fernando Valley via the Metro Red Line. Further, the project would link four Metro Rail lines (Green, Expo, Purple, and Red). Metro has projected that the Crenshaw Northern Extension when constructed, would have over 90,000 daily riders, the highest ridership of any light rail system in the United States.

In response to direct interests demonstrated by the cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood, Metro initiated a detailed Advanced Alternatives Screening Study analyzing a series of technical issues, which is scheduled to be completed later this year. Metro is also in the process of selecting an environmental and engineering team to prepare a full environmental impact report (EIR) assessing various alternate routes for the Crenshaw Northern Extension, starting in early 2020.

As part of the Metro acceleration process, the City of West Hollywood, with input from City of Los Angeles and Metro staff, has prepared a funding analysis supporting the development of a Funding and Delivery Strategic Plan for the Crenshaw Northern Extension. The funding structures analyzed supporting the acceleration of the Crenshaw Northern Extension rail line, would be substantially increased with the official participation by the City of Los Angeles.


As Metro finalizes their screening study and prepares to award an EIR contract and the City of West Hollywood continues their financial analysis, the City of Los Angeles should expand and formalize participation and coordination efforts to facilitate efficient coordination, mutually beneficial outcomes, and potential project acceleration.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the Mayor's Office, the City Administrative Officer, the Departments of Planning, Economic & Workforce Development, and Transportation, as well as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the City of West Hollywood, and County of Los Angeles, to accelerate the Crenshaw North Extension rail line project, including, but not limited to:

- Reviewing and commenting on the project's environmental/engineering documentation;
- Developing a series of anti-displacement policies and programs to encourage tenant and small business protection, and affordable housing production along the corridor;
- Analyzing the viability of using such funding mechanisms as an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) to support the development of the project, the construction of affordable housing, and homeless supportive services; and
- Identifying other potential funding opportunities the City of Los Angeles could contribute or support to accelerate the development of the project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst prepare a report within 90 days on options to accelerate the project, as described above.

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