

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, an official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies, proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency, must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) serves as transportation planner and coordinator, builder and operator for Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, one of Metro's newest projects, the East San Fernando Light Rail Transit Project (ESFVTC), will provide connections to key destinations and greater opportunities for transit users to connect to the growing transit network in the San Fernando Valley; and

WHEREAS, while the ESFVTC will bring vitally-needed infrastructure improvements, the construction impacts will affect the surrounding commercial area for a lengthy period of time; and

WHEREAS, to address the construction impacts of Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, the Little Tokyo area along the Regional Connector and the Purple Line Extension, Metro created two innovative pilot programs in 2015 that support small businesses in their communities— the Business Solution Center (BSC) and the Business Interruption Fund (BIF); and;

WHEREAS, it is critical that the numerous small businesses surrounding the ESFVTC receive support services to ensure that they continue to thrive during and after construction, as well as to strengthen community linkages to support a smooth transition to Los Angeles' multimodal future; and

WHEREAS, Metro has narrowly defined and designated the corridors that qualify for eligibility in these programs on a project by project basis; and

WHEREAS, to ensure parity across Los Angeles County, Metro should also reconsider how it defines the geographic eligibility of businesses as the impacts of construction extend beyond the immediate area of the construction corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast San Fernando Valley has been one of the hardest hit communities by the pandemic which has continued to disproportionately impact local businesses and their economic recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2021-2022 Legislative

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Program SUPPORT for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency (Metro) to expeditiously include the East San Fernando Light Rail Transit Project in their pilot Business Solution Center (BSC) and the Business Interruption Fund (BIF) programs and request that Metro revisit the qualification eligibility for small business to include areas that are outside the immediate area of construction activities.

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