

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any 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 governmental 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, Assembly Bill 180, approved by Governor Newsom in June 2022, amended the Budget Act of 2021 with a one-time allotment of \$1.8 billion for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Cycle (TIRCP) to be administered by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA); and

WHEREAS, this funding includes a new TIRCP cycle (Cycle 6) to award multi-year grants to high priority transit projects in Southern California following an application review and prioritization process; and

WHEREAS, the TIRCP Cycle 6 represents a unique and much-needed one-time opportunity to supplement funding for construction-ready, competitive projects previously awarded TIRCP funds; and

WHEREAS, Metro's ability to submit competitive applications to the TIRCP has resulted in CalSTA awarding \$1.5 billion in discretionary TIRCP grant funds from the program's first five cycles (FY 2015 to FY 2022) to support the delivery of 11 transit capital projects; and

WHEREAS, CalSTA published its 2023 TIRCP Cycle 6 Final Guidelines and Call for Projects on November 15, 2022 and the grant applications, with a prioritization of requests, are due to CalSTA by December 6, 2022, for funding decisions in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff assessed all potentially eligible projects against the TIRCP's evaluation criteria and requirements and determined that Metro should submit funding requests for the following three projects: East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project, Metro L (Gold) Line Foothill Extension to Montclair Project, and the West Santa Ana Branch Project; and

WHEREAS, the recommended three projects are transformative regional transportation projects that will provide a significant opportunity to deliver high quality light rail transit for priority populations; and

WHEREAS, the ESFV LRT project is recommended as Metro's first priority project and will provide significant and targeted benefits for a federal designated area of persistent poverty and for Metro's Equity Focused Communities along the project corridor and links these communities to the Metro G (Orange) Line and the Metrolink/rail system, and is projected to serve an estimated 35,000 riders a day;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2022-2023 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority staff recommendation to submit a funding request for the California State Transportation Agency's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Cycle 6 that identifies the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project as the number one priority.

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