



Motion to support transit parking at Expo Phase II stops

Agenda Item: GB112113-11

Date: 21 November 2013

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

When the Palms and Westwood Expo stops open in two years, they will not have dedicated parking lots for commuters. Moreover, there is no current plan to open parking lots.

The lack of MTA parking in the design for the Expo Line Phase Two Palms and Westwood Stations will discourage use of the line and increase congestion and parking scarcity in Palms and SORO.

The Motor/National section of Palms—which includes parts of SORO—has a budding nightlife and would benefit greatly from easy pedestrian access from riders on the coming Palms Station on the Expo Line Phase Two. Arguably, more Palms residents would take advantage of the Expo Line if a well-lit, welcoming pedestrian corridor connected the Motor/National area to the station.

Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhood Council requests that the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles investigate and pursue incentives to develop devoted Expo Line rider parking as part of a redevelopment plan for the shopping center at 9860 National Blvd. (currently anchored by Vons) in a manner that would preserve the character and services in this development.

SORO NC further requests that the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles investigate and pursue incentives to develop a vibrant pedestrian corridor connecting Palms Station with the Motor Avenue and National Blvd. intersection in Palms.

Considerations

Committee review:	Votes For: 3	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:	\$
<i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	

Arguments for:

Lots would encourage park-and-ride

Arguments against:

It is difficult to place lots in those areas

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Letter of Support for Locating a Metro Station at the Intermodal Transit Facility Proposed for Los Angeles Airport

Agenda Item: GB112113-12
Date: November 21, 2013
Proposed By: Jon Liberman

Full Proposal

WRAC requested a motion to be considered by all of their member Neighborhood Councils concerning the proposed connectivity of Metro to the Los Angeles Airport.

The proposed WRAC motion asks for a letter of support from our Neighborhood Council for the alternative connecting the Metro at an Intermodal Transit Facility (ITF) to be built just outside the airport. Once travelers reach the IMF they would proceed to the airport via a "people mover" system. This method would take less time to build and be substantially less expensive than the alternative proposed which is a connection going directly to LAX. The LAX connection proposed to be built on the airport would have to involve tunneling underneath the airport which greatly increases the cost to build and the time needed to complete the project.

The WRAC proposed motion reads: Resolved, the South Robertson Neighborhood Council supports a Metro rail station on the Crenshaw Line (that could also serve as an additional station for the Green Line at the Intermodal Transit Facility (ITF) proposed for LAX.

The Soro NC Transit Committee considered this request at its November meeting. In view of the facts that (a) the Los Angeles World Airport would pick up substantial amounts of the cost if the linkage is at the ITF, (b) the differential in cost by building the linkage at the ITF, (c) the fact that it would take less time to build the linkage at the ITF and (d) the probable security risk should the linkage occur at an underground facility located underneath the airport; the Soro Transportation Committee felt the preferred route should be a linkage at the ITF.

This project will produce substantial construction jobs. In light of the economic problems facing the city in general and Soro specifically; we felt it appropriate to ask that the letter of recommendation include a non-binding request that the contractors be asked to hire a minimum of 25 Soro residents for construction jobs. Said residents would be trained for the jobs by existing partners of Soro at no charge to the NC. (We have previously done this with Metro).

Proposed Motion

Resolved, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports a Metro rail station on the Crenshaw Line (that could also serve as an additional station for the Green Line) at the Intermodal Transit Facility (ITF) proposed for LAX.

Resolved further, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, asks that the when the Metro rail station is being built the Contractor be asked to hire a minimum of twenty-five (25) residents of Soro to work on the construction. Soro NC will partner with educational, Union and Construction Companies to train and equip these people. This will be done without expending NC funds.

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Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 4 Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
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Arguments for:

This is the quickest way to achieve connectivity

A significant portion would be paid for by LA World Airport

Potential employment of Soro residents.

Arguments against:

A direct connection to the airport would be more convenient for the traveler.



November 21, 2013

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Re: Metro Transit Connection into LAX

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to comment on the following issues. We have been requested by the Western Regional Association of Councils (WRAC) to review their motion concerning connecting Metro with the Los Angeles World Airport.

At our November, 2013 General Board Meeting our neighborhood council considered the alternative proposals and favors connecting the airport to the Metro by a direct connection of a Metro Rail Station to be sited at the proposed Intermodal Transportation Facility which would be located just outside the airport.

We also have concerns about the economic vitality of the city and specifically of our South Robertson area. We know that construction jobs operate to strengthen the city. When this project proceeds from a planning to an implementation phase; we ask that consideration be given to requesting whichever Contractor is selected to consider hiring a minimum of 25 qualified Soro residents for work on the project. We are aware that some Federal funds would be required for the project and that Federal requirements would prohibit the making of local hiring a mandate. But we are also aware that this is an area with high unemployment and that Contractors can take that into account with employment choices.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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Motion to recognize School Board Member Marguerite LaMotte's service to the community

Agenda Item: GB121913-5

Date: 19 December 2013

Proposed By: Jon Liberman, Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Bette Billet

Proposed Motion

To approve a statement (to be introduced at the General Board meeting) recognizing Marguerite LaMotte's long and dedicated service to the community.

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