

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 5, 2001

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Support of Various Light Rail Grade Crossings in the City of Pasadena

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution and authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the appropriate officials supporting the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority ("Authority") applications to the State of California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") for an order authorizing construction of various light rail grade crossings in the City of Pasadena.

BACKGROUND:

This resolution is in support of the light rail grade crossing applications that have been filed with the CPUC by the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority. Over 20 years in development, this important light rail transit line links the cities of Los Angeles, South Pasadena and Pasadena, providing a valuable mobility alternative for our residents in the San Gabriel Valley.

With the strong support of the City of Pasadena, the Authority was created in 1999 by the California legislature with broad, non-partisan support for a single purpose agency to complete the design and construction of the line within a short time frame and within a fixed budget. With all of the design and construction now fully committed under two fixed-price design/build contracts, this objective can be fully realized by the scheduled Substantial Completion date of February, 2003, followed by revenue operation in July, 2003.

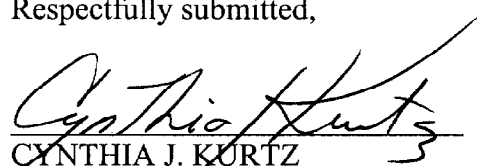
The Authority and the City of Pasadena, working together in a highly cooperative manner, have successfully refined and adopted four light rail at-grade crossings and twenty-one light rail grade-separated crossings in Pasadena.

The details of the crossings have been developed in close cooperation with CPUC staff, the MTA (which will operate the line), and the City of Pasadena.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of the recommended resolution in support of various light rail grade crossings in the City of Pasadena.

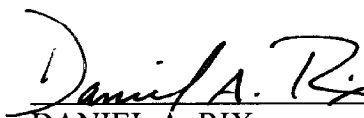
Respectfully submitted,


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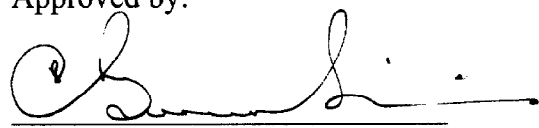
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