

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 24, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE THE METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION AS A FUNDED PROJECT IN THE 2006 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution urging the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors to include the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension as a funded project in the 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County. The proposed resolution also requests the Metro Board to assist the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority in their effort to obtain Federal First Starts funds from the Federal Transit Authority.

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently preparing an update to their 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County (LRTP). The 2006 LRTP will guide transportation development in the county through the year 2030. The LRTP examines the impacts that forecast growth will have on the mobility of the county, which includes increasing demand on streets, highways, buses and trains, and it recommends what can be done to address those impacts within anticipated revenues (Constrained Plan), as well as what could be done if additional revenues become available (Strategic Plan).

The LRTP's recommended plan is based on what Metro believes are realistic financial projections of revenues from federal, state and local taxes and subsidies, as well as revenues from passenger fares, advertising, real estate rentals and other miscellaneous sources. Metro staff will present the financial assumptions, including the amount of funds available for new projects beyond the existing Board commitments through the year 2030 at the May 3rd Board Meeting. At their May 25th meeting the Board will be presented the recommendations for programs and projects that could be included in the Constrained Plan element of the Strategic Plan element. Upon Board action Metro staff

will integrate the Board recommendations into a Draft LRTP scheduled to be released for public review in July. The Board is scheduled to take final action to approve the 2006 LRTP in October.

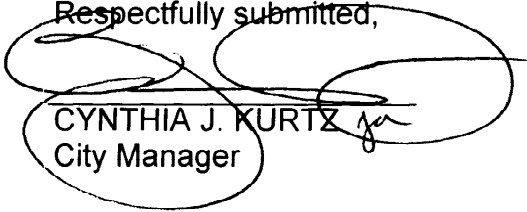
The Gold Line Foothill Extension Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board received a report from their Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at their March meeting on the importance of having the operating and maintenance costs for the Gold Line Foothill Extension Project included in the "Constrained (funded) Plan" element of the 2006 LRTP. While it is anticipated that the funds needed to construct the Gold Line Foothill Extension will come directly from the Federal Transit Authority through the New Starts Program it is critical that Metro anticipate and plan for the operating and maintenance costs of the extension and include the necessary funding in the 2006 LRTP.

The JPA Board requested that each City Council adopt and transmit to Metro a resolution urging the Metro Board to include the operating and maintenance cost in the "Constrained Plan" element of the 2006 LRTP. The proposed resolution also requests the Metro Board to assist the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority in their effort to obtain Federal New Starts funds from the Federal Transit Authority.

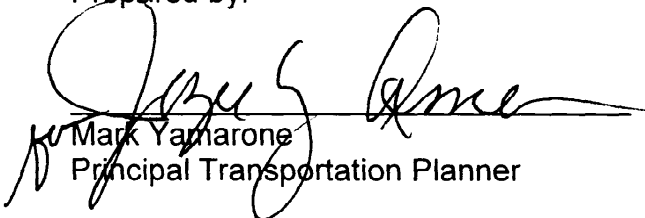
FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact for the City.

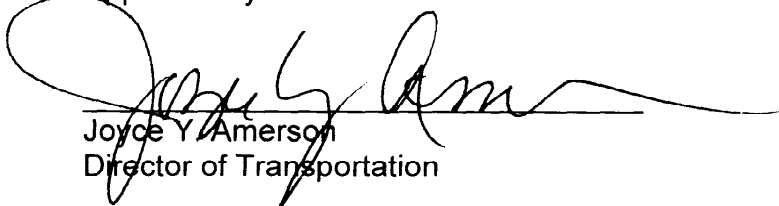
Respectfully submitted,


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RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE THE METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION AS A FUNDED PROJECT IN THE 2006 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution is to clearly communicate the position of the City of Pasadena with respect to the importance of the timely completion of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension; and

WHEREAS, it is also intended to formally represent the position of the City of Pasadena in appealing to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors to assist the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority in their effort to obtain Federal New Starts funds from the Federal Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the timely completion of the Gold Line from Pasadena to Montclair the City of Pasadena has taken definite and specific actions to implement transit oriented development zones centered on the six Gold Line Stations in Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena has adopted the Central District and East Pasadena Specific Plans to encourage transit-oriented and pedestrian-oriented developments around all six of the Gold Line Stations within the City. These Specific Plans determine precise land use patterns, zoning, setbacks, and design within defined boundaries. Within the Specific Plans, the principles of transit-oriented and pedestrian-oriented developments are applied.

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena asserts that it is incumbent on the Metro Board of Directors to prepare a plan for the operation and maintenance of the Metro Gold Line Foothills Extension project in the 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pasadena City Council urges the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors to place the funding for the operation and maintenance of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension project in the 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County and include the Gold Line Foothill Extension as a priority project funded for operations and maintenance.

FUTHERMORE, failure to take this requisite planning action would be an undue hardship to the Cities along the Foothill Corridor that urgently need this regional transportation project in the Easter portion of the San Gabriel Valley.

FUTHERMORE, the City of Pasadena also calls upon the Metro Board of Directors to support and assist the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority in obtaining New Starts funding from the Federal Transit Authority.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2006 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JANE L. RODRIGUEZ
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 4/12/06

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