



## WESTSIDE CITIES

- BEVERLY HILLS
- CULVER CITY
- LOS ANGELES
- SANTA MONICA
- WEST HOLLYWOOD

Westside Cities Transportation Committee  
February 6, 2006, 9:30 a.m.  
Beverly Hills City Hall  
Third Floor  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills

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### Meeting Notes

#### I. **General Discussion**

The committee confirmed the meeting schedule and noted that changes may occur with City Council rotations in March and April.

City of Beverly Hills Mayor Linda Briskman provided an update of her visit to Washington D.C. and meeting with Congressman Henry Waxman, and a meeting with City of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa that she attended with Pam O'Connor and Culver City Councilmember Carol Gross.

#### II. **Update of Mobility Study Priorities**

Red Line – Metro staff confirmed that the project has been renamed “Westside Subway Extension.” Mayor Briskman conveyed that Mayor Villaraigosa believes that Wilshire Blvd. is the most likely alignment for the Westside Subway Extension, but has agreed to study alternatives. She stressed the importance of serving transit needs of Cedars-Sinai hospital and the Beverly Center, and that the subway serves both Century City and UCLA.

Exposition Light Rail Transit – The committee discussed the continued focus on funding the entire project to Santa Monica and avoiding any interruption in construction once the project is underway. Culver City and Santa Monica have been very active in Washington and Sacramento to secure support.

Kate Vernez will schedule a lobbyist’s call with all the cities advocates to coordinate efforts.

#### III. **MTA Long Range Transportation Plan**

Claudette Moody provided an update on the 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Metro staff anticipates providing the MTA Board an information item in March and releasing a draft proposal later in the spring/early summer. The Subcommittee discussed the need to strongly advocate Westside Mobility Study priority projects during the LRTP process. Claudette agreed to provide members with advance notice of key opportunities.

#### **IV. Transportation Symposium**

Staff is preparing for the "Westside Transportation Summit 2" scheduled for May 5. A transit oriented development/housing symposium is planned for fall of 2006. Jason Weiner of WEC offered to assist in efforts to get the business community engaged. Councilmember Heilman clarified that the focus of the transportation conference is for Westside officials to advocate the urgency of Westside congestion to other electeds with the resources to ensure project construction and completion.

#### **V. COG Lobbyist**

The individual cities discussed their state and federal lobbyists. Staff will determine the need for additional lobbying services for the COG once coordination efforts are underway.

#### **VI. Municipal Operator Service Improvement Program**

Stephanie Negriff provided an update of MTA discussion of continuing Municipal Operator Service Improvement Program (MOSIP) and the importance of this funding for Municipal Operators such as Santa Monica Big Blue Bus and Culver City Bus Lines). The Subcommittee proposed that the COG consider a resolution supporting MOSIP funding at the March meeting.

#### **VII. Adjourn**

##### Attendees:

Linda Briskman, Mayor, City of Beverly Hills  
Pam O'Connor, MTA Board Member/Councilmember, City of Santa Monica  
John Heilman, Councilmember, City of West Hollywood  
Aaron Kunz, City of Beverly Hills  
Maria Rychlicki, City of Beverly Hills  
Steve Cunningham, City of Culver City  
Diana Chang, City of Culver City  
Norman Kulla, City of Los Angeles (Bill Rosendahl's Office)  
Debbie Dyner, City of Los Angeles (Jack Weiss' Office)  
Grieg Asher, City of Los Angeles  
Kate Vernez, City of Santa Monica  
Stephanie Negriff, City of Santa Monica Big Blue Bus  
Joan English, City of West Hollywood  
Jay Greenstein, Assemblyman Paul Koretz's Office  
Claudette Moody, Metro Deputy to Pam O'Connor  
Jody Litvack, Metro  
Jason Weiner, Westside Economic Collaborative

