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Wilshire Bus Lane

The Los Angeles City Council today, Tuesday October 11, approved an LADOT receive and file report on the Wilshire Boulevard bus lane. Councilmember Bill Rosendahl also introduced a motion to "suspend the Wilshire boulevard bus-only lane project ...until the other jurisdictions have agreed to implement the project from Downtown Los Angeles to Downtown Santa Monica." The attached motion was referred to the City's Transportation Committee. Councilman Rosendahl insisted that he wants firm commitments on when Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and other parts of the City of Los Angeles will have the bus lane on Wilshire Blvd. Deputy CEO John Catoe testified and agreed to provide a schedule, including available funding, within ten days. LADOT Acting General Manager Frankee Banerjee also testified and agreed to work with Metro.

Exposition Light Rail FEIS/FEIR

The Exposition Light Rail FEIS/FEIR 45-day public comment period begins this Friday, October 16, 2005. The FEIS/FEIR will be available later this week at community libraries located along the Exposition Line and the Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library. To access an electronic copy now, click on http://www.metro.net/projects_plans/exposition/documents.htm.

Metro is planning to conduct three community open houses in November to review details of the project and receive comments on the FEIS/FEIR. The meetings are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, November 2 (5 - 8 p.m.), at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City.
 - Thursday, November 3 (5 - 8 p.m.), at West Los Angeles Church, 3045 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles.
 - Wednesday, November 9 (5 - 8 p.m.), at the Exposition Park Muses Room in the Wallis Annenberg Building, 700 State Drive, Los Angeles
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Following the public review period, which ends November 28, the Board will consider certification of the FEIS/FEIR in early December. After certification, the Federal Transit Administration could then issue a Record of Decision (ROD), including environmental clearance enabling the Exposition Construction Authority to award a contract for design and construction of the project, beginning in early 2006

Of Note

On this day in 1911, Los Angeles Railway opened Division 5 at 54th and Van Ness with a car house holding 300 streetcars on 24 through tracks. Division 5 was the first division to see racial integration of the motorman ranks. Ms. Arcola Philpott, Los Angeles Railway's first African American streetcar operator, was hired in 1944 and operated the Vermont Avenue line. Los Angeles Transit Lines discontinued rail service at Division 5 on May 21, 1955, and replaced its streetcars with buses. The old streetcar buildings were demolished by SCRTD in 1978 and replaced with new division facilities in 1979. Division 5 was renamed "The Arthur Winston Mid-Cities Division" by Metro at a ceremony held on May 21, 1997 to honor our longest continuously serving employee, Arthur Winston, born March 22, 1906 and hired by Pacific Electric Railway in 1924.

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