

MOTION

CHAIR BURKE

Currently, the City of Los Angeles Department of Airports (LAWA) is developing an updated Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Specific Plan, that includes an analysis of extending the Metro Green Line into, and through, LAX.

In 1994, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) approved an EIR/EIS and a Statement of Overriding Considerations to construct a Metro Green Line Northern Extension to LAX and beyond to Marina del Rey. This Green Line Extension was expected to eventually continue north on Lincoln Boulevard to Santa Monica. At that time, the proposed alignment was included in MTA's Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP). Due to subsequent funding constraints, during the 1990's, the extension was subsequently removed from the LRTP.

Presently, Los Angeles City Councilman Rosendahl is requesting the Expo Construction Authority to amend the draft scope of the Phase 2 EIR/EIS to include an additional work task limited to the study of the specific intersection of the Expo Line (Phase 2) and a potential Lincoln Boulevard "Green Line" station. Although this connection could provide direct rail access to LAX from Santa Monica and West Los Angeles, a potential Green Line extension would not be expected to be constructed until well after the Expo Line Phase 2 is constructed; however, (limited) planning for the interface of the two rail lines at this specific intersection could occur now, prior to the construction of the Expo Line, Phase 2. The office of Councilman Rosendahl has agreed that the City of Los Angeles will fund the costs of the additional analysis in the EIR/EIS and this Motion is predicated on the consummation of that agreement.

I, Therefore, Move that the Board of Directors of the Expo Construction Authority instruct staff to amend the scope of the Expo Phase 2 EIR/EIS to include an additional work task specifically related to an analysis of the intersection at Lincoln Boulevard of the Expo Line (Phase 2) and a potential Green Line extension interface at that intersection in order to facilitate a potential future direct rail connection between LAX and Santa Monica conditioned on the provision that the City of Los Angeles fund the entirety of this additional work in the EIR/EIS.