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Committee Recommends Subway to Beverly Hills City Council

- Proposes stations at Beverly Drive and La Cienega

(Jan. 17, 2007) A committee formed to study mass transit options on the Westside presented its final report and recommendations, recently, to the Beverly Hills City Council.

The Mass Transit Committee unanimously:

- Acknowledged the need and benefits of a Westside Subway Extension to serve the City of Beverly Hills.
- Recommended a Wilshire Boulevard alignment extending from Wilshire/Western and continuing to Century City and beyond.
- Noted its preference for a subway that remains under Wilshire, then heads southwest under Santa Monica to connect to Century City, rather than under commercial and residential properties.
- Recommended two stations in Beverly Hills – one at or near Beverly Drive and Wilshire, and one at or near La Cienega and Wilshire.
- Determined that the recommended stations "appear feasible as to the construction of the stations and manageable with respect to operations, security and potential disruption during the construction phase."

While the committee was only charged with recommending alignment and stations, the report also summarizes its findings on related issues such as security and crime.

The City Council plans to discuss the issue in the near future, take public input, and develop a formal city position on a possible subway extension.

