



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

October 31, 1997

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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES

**FROM: RAE JAMES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COMMUNICATIONS**

- Today, on a 13-0 vote (Absent: Ferraro, Walters), the Los Angeles City Council voted to approve a motion by Bernson-Alarcon which authorizes the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation (DOT) to work with the MTA and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) to determine the feasibility of operating a Metro link type service in the San Fernando Valley, from Union Station to the cities of Burbank and Glendale to Warner Center. The motion also was amended to include taking a look at alternative modes of technology. The MTA Board approved a similar motion at its meeting on October 23, 1997.

- The City Council also approved on a 11-0 vote (Absent: Bernson, Ferraro, Storch, Walters) a Miscikowski-Alarcon motion to authorize a strategic plan to improve and resolve the traffic problems associated with the configuration of the 405 - 101 Freeway interchange. The motion instructs DOT:
 - to conduct a preliminary traffic study, including level of service analysis, with assistance from Caltrans at the 405 - 101 Freeway interchange;
 - to identify feasible transportation improvements in coordination with Caltrans, which could be implemented within two to five years;
 - to form an inter-governmental panel of key financial and legislative experts to secure the funding needed to implement the identified transportation improvements. The panel would be composed of the:
 - Department of Transportation - Chair
 - Council Districts 7 and 11 representatives
 - Chief Legislative Analyst Office
 - City Administrative Office
 - Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
 - Caltrans

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact Audrey Noda at 213-922-2238.