

## MOTION

**By Director LaBonge**

In 1895, the Southern Pacific train depot was built at the intersection of Lankershim and Chandler Boulevards in North Hollywood to link the agricultural San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles. Today, this building is boarded-up and occupies a weedy lot near the busy North Hollywood Metro Red Line station. Soon, the terminus of the Orange Line busway will bring additional transit riders to the area.

The Lankershim train depot is one of the City's very few original, intact train depots and is also one of the Valley's oldest structures. MTA currently owns the depot and the surrounding five acres. An effort between MTA and the City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has set aside \$1.2 million to revitalize the station, however, issues have arisen with the hired contractor and the project has been unable to move forward. Although the community has been working with the City of Los Angeles and MTA, there are fears that the preservation project is not moving forward quick enough and will be permanently stalled.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board direct staff to provide a detailed report on the status of the Hollywood train station restoration project to the Construction Committee. This report should include the current involvement of the City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency efforts; the existing funding status; anticipated timelines and completion date; and a review of the issues that have led to delays with the project.

