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WHEREAS, during peak-hour and other high-vehicle traffic periods, Metro Rapid Line 761 experiences significant delays through the congested Sepulveda Pass; and

WHEREAS, this affects not only the operation of local service in the San Fernando Valley sector but also impacts the Westside sector's ability to provide adequate space at the Wilshire/Veteran layover zone for both Line 761 and the Wilshire Blvd. Line 20 and 720 services; and

WHEREAS, the congestion in the Sepulveda Pass combines with the localized service in the Westwood area to increase the travel time for a large number of patrons from both sectors, which does them a great disservice; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of Metro Connections calls for maximizing resources by improving the operating efficiencies of Metro service; and

WHEREAS, Metro Connections also calls for the identification of point-to-point express services to improve travel times where large numbers of patrons will benefit;

THEREFORE, we move that the service development teams of both sectors determine the feasibility of splitting Line 761 into three separate services: (a) Metro Rapid service between Pacoima and Sherman Oaks via Van Nuys Blvd.; (b) Metro Express service between Van Nuys/Orange Line Station and Westwood; and (c) Local circulator/shuttle service between Westwood and the Getty Center, and report back to both sectors' councils regarding possible implementation as part of the June 2008 service change program.