



WESTSIDE CITIES

- BEVERLY HILLS
- CULVER CITY
- LOS ANGELES
- SANTA MONICA
- WEST HOLLYWOOD
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

September 30, 2013

The Honorable Diane DuBois
Chair
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Agency
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair DuBois:

In response to the June 20, 2013 letter from immediate past Chair Antonovich, the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG) is pleased to provide you with our response regarding regional and sub-regional transportation priorities. Our WCCOG appreciates the opportunity to engage in critical discussions regarding the future of transit, highway and mobility needs throughout the County.

Recognizing that MTA's outreach to community-based organizations and agencies is only a first step in what will no doubt be a lengthy and collaborative process, the following pages are merely a listing of projects and programs that our member cities believe to be important in the development of a potential future sales tax measure designed to be put forward to the voters of our region on the critical topic of transportation.

As this process evolves, please know that our WCCOG and our member agencies stand ready to provide additional input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Brien", enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

William Brien, M.D.

Chair

Westside Cities Council of Governments

Attachments

cc: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Councilmember Mike Bonin, Los Angeles
Councilmember Paul Koretz, Los Angeles
Councilmember John Heilman, West Hollywood
Councilmember Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica
Councilmember Jeff Cooper, Culver City
City Manager John Nachbar, Culver City
City Manager Jeff Kolin, Beverly Hills
City Manager Rod Gould, Santa Monica
City Manager Paul Arevalo, West Hollywood

Recommended Transportation Priorities from Westside Cities Council of Governments

Reviewed at July 18, 2013 WCCOG meeting:

- Extend the Purple Line to Santa Monica – Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan and the Measure R funding plan includes construction of the Purple Line to a Westwood/VA Hospital station.
- Extend the Crenshaw Line north all the way to West Hollywood – Metro has approved construction of an 8.5 mile “Crenshaw/LAX” Light Rail project that will run between the Exposition Line and the Metro Green Line. This project would extend the Crenshaw/LAX Line northward to West Hollywood via San Vicente.
- I-10/Robertson/National Area Circulation Improvement Project – Reconfiguration of the I-10/Robertson/National on and off ramps and street reconfiguration to improve vehicle circulation.
- La Cienega Boulevard Improvements from West Hollywood to Inglewood – Improve traffic signals, intersections, pedestrian amenities and streetscape.
- Regional bike sharing initiative – Capital, start-up and operating costs to provide for a regional bike sharing program (models include New York Citi Bike Program and Washington D.C. Capital Bikeshare).

Individual City-Specific Submissions

Beverly Hills:

- Westside Subway Purple Line extension to Santa Monica
- Bicycle infrastructure and facilities improvements
- Pedestrian improvements to address safety and walkability (Southeast Area of City, including Robertson and Olympic Boulevards are high priority)
- Arterial street improvement, maintenance and streetscape improvements
- Transit stop improvements and amenities to increase attractiveness of transit
- Capital and operating funding to develop and expand a regional bicycle sharing program

Culver City:

Transit Regional:

- Westside Transit Center in Culver City - Plan, design and construct a multi-modal transit center to replace the existing Westfield-Culver City Transit Center, which is currently located on private property and will need to be relocated by 2034. This transit center serves as a major transit hub on the Westside for riders transferring between bus lines in the region.

Transit Sub-Regional:

- Major transit hubs in strategic locations on the Westside to link transit, pedestrian, bike and car-sharing resources and provide bus layover and turnaround.
- Transit operations (fixed route bus and paratransit)
- Bus replacement/purchase
- Bus maintenance and storage facility upgrade and expansion
- Preventive maintenance / rehabilitation of transit (bus)
- Bus stop improvements (sidewalk, furniture, and dynamic-message signs)
- Streetscape enhancements
- Bus bypass lanes at intersections/ramps
- Exclusive bus lanes on key arterials and high-ridership transit corridors
- Transit Intelligent Transportation Systems (new system / maintenance / upgrade)
- Transit security

Highway Regional:

- I-10 / Robertson/National Area Circulation Improvement Project
 - The I-10 / Robertson / National on / off ramps and street reconfiguration
- I-405 Corridor Capacity / Efficiency Project

Highway Sub-Regional:

- Rehabilitate State Highways (non-freeway routes) and major arterials
- SR-90 to I-405 Connection - The project will add a connection from westbound SR-90 to SB I-405, which currently does not exist. This will reduce traffic on the nearby arterial, Jefferson Boulevard, which is currently the only way to make this connection.
- Regional traffic model
- Improve traffic along Centinela Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard (Sepulveda Boulevard to Green Valley Circle is in Culver City)

Culver City (continued):

Highway Local:

- Rehabilitate and repair local streets
- Signal upgrade/improvements/modification. Some of the unfunded projects in Culver City include:
 - Duquesne/Hughes and Washington Boulevard – Add left-turn phases for north-south traffic.
 - Sepulveda Boulevard and Washington Boulevard – Add left-turn phases for east-west traffic.
 - Sepulveda Boulevard and Washington Place – Add left-turn phases for east-west traffic.
 - Washington Boulevard and Centinela Avenue – Add a left-turn phase
 - Change out loop detection with video detection at all signalized intersections of primary arterials and secondary highways.
- Road/intersection improvements and median reconfiguration. Some of the unfunded/underfunded projects in Culver City include:
 - Culver Boulevard realignment between Sepulveda Boulevard and Elenda Street
 - Washington Boulevard Median Re-Configuration between National and La Cienega Boulevards - As part of this project, at Washington Boulevard / La Cienega Avenue / McManus, add left-turn lanes for east-west traffic on Washington Boulevard. This project will provide bike lanes on Washington Boulevard.
 - Overland Avenue / Washington Boulevard intersection improvements - Add dual left turn lanes for eastbound and westbound Washington Boulevard and a right-turn lane for westbound traffic.
 - Washington Boulevard and Centinela Avenue – Add dual left-turn lanes for southbound traffic.
 - Overland Avenue and Culver Boulevard – Provide dual left-turn lanes on the west approach and a right-turn lane on the east approach.
 - Sepulveda Boulevard and Slauson Avenue – Provide dual left-turn lanes on the south approach.
- Upgrade traffic signal synchronization in Culver City
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Bicycle and other Alternative Modes Regional:

- Bicycle safety education/campaign

Culver City (continued):

Bicycle and other Alternative Modes Sub-Regional:

- Bike sharing program (capital and operations/maintenance)
- Bicycle infrastructure (bikeways and bicycle parking – new/upgrade/rehabilitation).
Some of the unfunded projects in Culver City include:
 - Ballona Bike Path extension study between Syd Kronenthal Park and Washington Boulevard
 - Higuera Ramp – Construct a bike ramp from the Ballona Creek Bike Path to Higuera bridge (a part of replacement of the bridge)
 - Bicycle facilities recommended in Culver City's Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Car sharing program (capital and operations/maintenance)
- Alternative energy stations and charging station

Bicycle and other Alternative Modes Local:

- Safe Routes to School implementation

Santa Monica:

- The Westside Subway Purple Line extension to Santa Monica
- First and last-mile transit, bicycle and pedestrian improvements to the three Expo light rail stations in Santa Monica
- Bicycle infrastructure and facilities improvements
- Arterial multi-modal and streetscape improvements (Lincoln Boulevard is a high priority)
- Pedestrian improvements to address safety and walkability
- Bus capital and operating funding
- Real time traffic and parking improvements
- I-10 interchange improvements of sub-regional importance including Cloverfield Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard and 4th/5th Street ramps.

West Hollywood:

- Extend the Westside Subway Purple Line (out to Santa Monica).
- Extend the Crenshaw Rail Corridor/Wilshire Blvd. -- North all the way to West Hollywood
- The Robertson/Santa Monica off ramp interchange
- La Cienega from West Hollywood to Inglewood
- Major transit hubs in strategic locations on the Westside to link Metro, pedestrian, bike and car-sharing resources

West Hollywood (continued):

Other issues for consideration:

- LAX Connector
- I-405 Corridor Capacity /Efficiency Project
- Preventive Maintenance /Rehabilitation of Transit (Bus &Rail)
- Rehabilitate State Highways (non-freeway routes) and major arterials
- ITS /Traveler Information Systems Operation and Maintenance

Capacity Improvements:

- "Lincoln Corridor" to Expo Line
- Establish "Neighborhood-Oriented Development" Program
- Expand Multimodal Capacity to Fairfax and La Cienega
- Fund bridge seismic retrofit program

Sub-Regional considerations:

- High Quality Transit
- Start with High Quality Transit Analysis
- HOV/transit bypass lanes at intersections/ramps
- Exclusive Transit/HOV lanes on key arterials and high-ridership transit corridors
- Arterials parallel to freeways
- Beach access/circulation improvements and parking visitor information/way-finding
- "First/Last-mile" connections for transit, walkability, bike, and shuttle services to:
- Transit hubs
- Implement a Sub-Regional Traffic Management Center
- Neighborhood Oriented Developments

Countywide Operations & Maintenance Issues:

- Focused Circulation/parking improvements at major commercial/shopping centers
- Expanding Blue Commute to add more locally oriented information (transit/multimodal)
- Alternative energy stations and charging station status
- Car and bike sharing programs
- Per city safety assessment to identify accident locations and corrective measures triggered by poor scoring of beach cities in (road) safety rankings
- Safe Routes to School implementation (Metro/SCAG Program)
- Illuminated Street Name Signs (LED)
- TMC staffing
- Traffic Signal Timing
- Equipment maintenance
- Street rehab and repair
- Bridge repair