



Santa Monica Community College District BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2010

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

MAJOR ITEM OF BUSINESS

Recommendation No. 23: Resolution in Support of the "30/10 Plan" for Measure R Transit Projects

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ACTION

Santa Monica Community College District

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RECOMMENDATION NO. 23

SUBJECT:RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "30/10 PLAN" FOR MEASURER TRANSIT PROJECTS

Whereas, The Los Angeles region faces severe unemployment and severe congestion in our transportation system, congestion that inhibits our economy;

Whereas, Our nation and our county needs the thousands of jobs and the environmental benefits that come from the development of a sustainable transportation system with a robust, modern public transit system;

Whereas, In November, 2008, LA County voters spoke with a clear voice about their priorities when they approved Measure R, a 1/2 cent sales tax that will raise nearly \$40 billion for local transportation over 30 years;

Whereas, Nearly 70% of Measure R funds will go for transit projects and programs including 12 transit projects such as the Wilshire subway and multiple light rail and bus rapid transit projects. Measure R includes 25% for transit operating costs;

Whereas, The timing of these projects is driven overwhelmingly by the *timing of cash flow*, not by planning, environmental review, or construction requirements or timelines;

Whereas, Our community and our nation should not have to wait 30 years for these projects to be completed, not when jobs, traffic congestion relief and clean air are needed now;

Whereas, With the help of the federal government in the form of grants, low interest loans, and interest rate subsidies on private loans, and other mechanisms, these 12 transit projects can be *completed in 10* years; Whereas, This proposed "30/10 Plan" would accelerate the delivery of these 12 Measure R transit projects from their current 30-year schedule to 10 years;

Whereas, The "30/10 Plan" projects are part of a regional consensus approved by voters in Measure R. They were unanimously adopted by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Board of Directors as part of its 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan;

Whereas, The "30/10 Plan" seeks federal government support for LA Metro's federal program in the form of New Start grants, low interest loans and interest rate subsidies on private loans;

Whereas, With strong federal partnership as envisioned in the "30/10 Plan" the 12 Measure R transit projects can be developed much more quickly saving as much as \$4 billion in avoided cost escalation;

Whereas, The "30/10 Plan" will create over 160,000 construction jobs over the next decade and at least 2,800 permanent jobs operating and maintaining an expanded transit system, jobs that can support a family;

Whereas, The 30/10 projects will run on clean natural gas and electricity. They will remove over 500,000 pounds of air pollution and greenhouse gases from the Los Angeles air basin;

Therefore, We the undersigned organizations and individuals strongly support the LA Metro "30-10 Plan", commend Mayor Villaraigosa for initiating and championing the 30-10 Plan, and urge Senators Boxer and Feinstein and all of the Los Angeles County Congressional delegation to join in strongly supporting the "30-10 Plan".

Therefore, We urge the President of the United States, Congress and the agencies of the federal government to vigorously support the "30/10 Plan" and create mechanisms for its implementation that might serve as models for national infrastructure development.

MOTION MADE BY: SECONDED BY: STUDENT ADVISORY: AYES: NOES:

Organizations Signing the "30-10 Plan" Petition: 7-26-2010

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Los Angeles County Federation of Labor LA/OC Building and Trades Council LA Area Chamber of Commerce Los Angeles Business Council Los Angeles Business Federation Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) Central City Association **Environment Now** Natural Resources Defense Council Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Global Green Transportation for America Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Los Angeles County Museum of Art LACMA AFSCME DC 36

IBEW local 11 Ironworkers Local 416 Laborers' Local 300 Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 36 Teamsters Local 396 Teamsters Local 986 United Food & Commercial Workers 1442 Sprinkler Fitters UA Local 709 TCU/IAM Local 1315 Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce InfraConsult LLC Jacobs Engineering Miracle Mile Chamber of Commerce URS Corporation

Van Tilburg, Banvard & Soderbergh, AIA American Lung Association in California Breathe CA of LA Tree People Center for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Technologies Calpirg Clean Air Now Coalition for Clean Air FAST Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic Southern California Transit Advocates Subway to the Sea Coalition **Transit Coalition** AIA Los Angeles American Jewish Committee/Los Angeles LAANE Southern California Public Health Assoc. Vision Los Angeles DSO Thomas Safran & Assoc. Walter N. Marks Realty Company Urban Dimensions Hatch Mott & MacDonald Art Meets Technology Assemblywoman Julia Brownley Aurora Development B. Szabo Inc Bldg. Owners & Mgrs Assoc. of Greater LA Bombardier Transportation Bruins for Traffic Relief C.T. & F., Inc. Carde Ten Architects Church in Ocean Park City of Bradbury Coast Surveying, Inc. Corin L. Kahn, Attorney **DE** Architects. AIA Downtown LA Neighborhood Council Earth Day Los Angeles HDBID Forte Green Strategies Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Hardwood Floors Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates Beverly Hills Mayor's Transit & Subway Committee HNTB Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Endangered Habitats League

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