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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Lindy Coe-Juell, Assistant to the City Manager

DATE: April 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Request by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery to Consider Adopting a Resolution in Support of the LAX Green Line Extension.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council consider adopting Resolution No. 6133 in support of the LAX Green Line Extension.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal impact related to the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

On April 9, 2008, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Montgomery requested that the Council consider this item. State Senator Oropeza has authored a bill (SB 1722) in support of establishing a construction authority for the City of Los Angeles to extend the Green Line to LAX. In the past, Manhattan Beach City Councils have supported this extension. The current bill authored by Senator Oropeza is supported by Supervisor Knabe and several nearby cities. The attached resolution will establish the Manhattan Beach City Council's support of SB 1722 and the extension of the Green Line to LAX.

Attachments: A. Resolution No. 6133

RESOLUTION NO. 6133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SB 1722 (OROPEZA) THAT ESTABLISHES A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE METRO GREEN LINE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM INCLUDING AN INITIAL SEGMENT TO LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, in the past, Manhattan Beach City Council's have supported the extension of the Metro Green Line including a LAX-Marina segment; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is the primary international traveler's gateway to Southern California, yet it lacks direct rail transit access for business and recreational travelers. The absence of this crucial link in the regions transportation system forces travelers into private automobiles resulting in further congestion on already burdened freeway an arterial highway systems; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Green Line system is the only mass transit rail line system serving Gateway and South Bay communities. However, when the Green Line was constructed in the mid-1990s it was terminated roughly two miles south of LAX; and

WHEREAS, The Green Line Coalition has been established to finally extend the truncated rail line to LAX airport. The extension would run from the current terminus at Aviation Boulevard and I-105 to stations at Aviation and Century Boulevards and Lincoln and Sepulveda Boulevards. Extension of the Green Line to LAX would help alleviate traffic congestion, reduce air pollution and provide a convenient alternative to private automobiles for LAX travelers and employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach supports the objectives of the Green Line Coalition to finish the Metro Green Line by extending it through LAX thereby providing direct transit access for airport travelers and employees.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach supports SB 1722 a bill to establish a Metro Green Line construction authority to ensure the extension of the Green Line into LAX.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall make this Resolution reasonably available for public inspection within thirty (30) days of the date this Resolution is adopted.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2008.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk