

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

report as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to funding for and the removal of temporary traffic calming measures for the Wilshire/Malcolm Project.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Weiss - Greuel), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to remove the temporary traffic calming measures, in accordance with LADOT's policy regarding the approval of traffic restrictions, and based upon the opinion survey results.
2. AUTHORIZE the transfer of \$24,254 from LADOT's Neighborhood Traffic Management Fund No. 47H, "Wilshire/Malcolm" accounts, \$14,254 from Account No. C194 and \$10,000 from Account No. W311, to LADOT Fund No. 100/94, Account No. 1090 (Salaries Overtime), and the reversion of any unexpended fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 back to the originating account.
3. AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst, or designee, to provide clarification or technical corrections, as necessary, to effectuate the Council's intent regarding this matter.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

Motion (Weiss - Greuel) states that on December 13, 2002, the City Council adopted the report from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee relative to the conditional use appeal for the property at 10804-10820 Wilshire Blvd and 1201-1215 Malcolm Avenue ("Wilshire/Malcolm Project") (Council file No. 02- 2320). Condition of Approval Number 34 required the Wilshire/Malcolm Project to deposit \$50,000 with the City "to fund a Neighborhood Traffic Protection Program specifically dedicated to the traffic issues that may be associated with the project, north of the project site," for which "the improvements funded by this program shall be made at the direction of the LADOT after review by Council District Five."

The Motion notes that the Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association, which consists of residents in the area north of the Wilshire/Malcolm Project site, requested and submitted a petition for a trial implementation of temporary traffic calming measures, including: (1) restriction prohibiting eastbound and westbound straight through traffic on Le Conte Avenue across Hilgard Avenue; (2) restriction prohibiting eastbound and westbound straight through traffic on Weyburn Avenue across Hilgard Avenue; and (3) restriction prohibiting southbound to

eastbound left-turns from Hilgard Avenue to Lindbrook Drive; and (4) a median island and a sidewalk bump-out on Lindbrook Drive at Hilgard Avenue.

The LADOT installed the temporary measures in February of 2008 and then evaluated the effectiveness and impact of the traffic calming measures. Based on the technical evaluation and consultation with the community and Council District Five, LADOT finalized a proposed Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) Plan. The plan consisted of the traffic restrictions listed above, as well as speed humps and all-way stop control at specified locations.

Motion (Weiss - Greuel) further states that the LADOT's policy for determining whether traffic restrictions should be implemented includes a consideration for whether there is super-majority community support for such restrictions. Hence, at the request of LADOT, the City Clerk's Office mailed out opinion survey forms and related information to every residence within a designated affected area, asking if the occupants supported the proposed NTM Plan. Based upon the responses returned to the City Clerk, LADOT has determined the implementation of permanent restrictions did not meet LADOT established thresholds for community support.

At a regular meeting held on April 8, 2009, the Transportation Committee considered Motion (Weiss - Greuel) relative to funding for and the removal of temporary traffic calming measures for the Wilshire/Malcolm Project. Representatives from the LADOT gave the Committee background information on the project. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee continued the matter. At a special meeting held on May 6, 2009, the Committee considered the matter. Representatives from the LADOT, City Attorney's Office, Department of City Planning, and Council District Five gave the Committee background information on the matter. An opportunity for public comment was held. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in Motion (Weiss - Greuel). This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| GREUEL: | YES |
| LABONGE: | YES |
| ALARCON: | ABSENT |
| PARKS: | YES |
| ROSENDAHL: | ABSENT |

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