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On December 12, 2007, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) reported that the U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) had given preliminary approval for the Wilshire Boulevard Bus-Only Lane Project through its Very Small Starts Program. At that time, however, it was unknown what type of NEPA/CEQA environmental clearances would be needed for the project. An LADOT March 11, 2008 report states that if impacts can be mitigated, it was expected to take five months for an environmental assessment; if it was determined that an EIR/EIS was needed after completion of the environmental assessment and public hearings, then the implementation schedule would be delayed and additional funding could be needed.

It has been over a year since the last project status report and no information has been forthcoming regarding the nature of the environmental assessment nor the current timeline for the project. It is critical that LADOT provide a status report on the Wilshire Boulevard Bus-Only Lane Project to fully inform the City Council and the affected communities of the current project status.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), to report on the status of the Wilshire Boulevard Bus-Only Lane Project.

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