

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to enhancing service performance and ridership on the Metro Orange Line.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield – Krekorian – Bonin):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police Department, work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to examine options for enhancing service performance and ridership on the Metro Orange Line, and to report on the feasibility of using real-time route data to develop technology to notify bus drivers of upcoming signal changes, and increasing intersection crossing speeds to 25 miles per hour.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

On October 3, 2014, Council considered Motion (Blumenfield – Krekorian – Bonin) relative to enhancing service performance and ridership on the Metro Orange Line. Motion states that improving transit efficiency is essential to encourage ridership, reduce traffic, and achieve the City's long term mobility goals. In the San Fernando Valley, Metro's Orange Line is the backbone of Valley transportation. The Orange Line is the second most popular bus line and is running at or near Metro policy maximum capacity during peak periods.

In an effort to improve efficiency and also reduce surface impacts to car, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic, Metro is developing a study to examine options for enhancing service performance and ridership on the Metro Orange Line. Metro's analysis will include assessing Bus Rapid Transit upgrades and the potential of converting the Orange Line to Light Rail Transit and potential implementation strategies. Metro staff has identified various immediate, short- and long-term proposals that need to be considered that could improve the operation of the Orange Line, including the use of technology to inform bus drivers of upcoming signal changes, and increasing speeds at intersection crossing.

Motion movers believe that Metro and LADOT should review and implement improvements to the Orange Line as soon as possible to reduce overcrowding, decrease travel time, and reduce traffic impacts. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 22, 2014, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of LADOT and Metro. During the public comment period support was expressed for improving the Orange Line to reduce rider trip times. It was stated that Metro has the authority to increase bus speed limits along the Orange Line route. The Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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