

ATTACHMENT A

STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN 18-MONTH TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT ("TCE") REQUIRED FOR THE WESTSIDE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION SECTION 2 ("PROJECT")

BACKGROUND

The TCE is required for the construction and operation of the Westside Purple Line Extension Section 2 ("Project"). The parcel address, record property owner, and nature of the TCE sought to be acquired for the Project are summarized as follows:

Assessor's Parcel	Parcel Address	Property Owner	Purpose of Acquisition	Property Interest(s)
4319-001-008	1950 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067	Automobile Club of Southern California	Construction staging	18-month Temporary Construction Easement

Property Requirements:

Purpose of Acquisition is for construction staging required for the ongoing construction of the Project.

Property Interest Sought:

Acquisition of an 18-month TCE over the entire 29,852 square foot property.

A written offer of Just Compensation was mailed to the Property Owner by letter dated June 20, 2025 for the acquisition of the TCE. The Property Owner has not accepted the offer of Just Compensation. Consequently, LACMTA is seeking a Resolution of Necessity in order to ensure the necessary property rights are acquired to construct the Project on schedule.

A. The public interest and necessity require the Project.

The need for the Project is based on population and employment growth, the high number of major activity centers served by the Project, high existing transit usage, and severe traffic congestion. The Project area bisects 12 large population and employment centers, all of which are served by extremely congested road networks that will deteriorate further with the projected increase in population and jobs. This anticipated growth will further affect transit travel speeds and reliability, even with a dedicated lane for express bus

service on Wilshire Boulevard. The public interest and necessity require the Project for the following specific reasons:

1. The population and employment densities in the Project area are among the highest in the metropolitan region. Approximately five percent of the Los Angeles County population and 10 percent of the jobs are concentrated in the Project area.
2. Implementation of the Project will result in a reduction of vehicle miles per day and reduction of auto air pollutants.
3. The Project will relieve congestion on the already over capacity 1-405 San Diego and the 1-10 Santa Monica Freeways and surrounding major thoroughfares. In addition, it will reduce the parking demands in the Westside area by providing an alternative means of transportation, competitive in rush-hour travel times with the automobile.
4. The Project will be a major link in the existing county-wide rail transit system, and will thereby provide alternative means of transportation during fuel crises and increased future traffic congestion.
5. The Project will improve transportation equity by meeting the need for improved transit service of the significant transit-dependent population within the Project area.
6. The Project will help meet Regional Transit Objectives through the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG's) Performance Indicators of mobility, accessibility, reliability, and safety.

It is recommended that based on the above evidence, the Board find and determine that the public interest and necessity require the Project.

B The Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

An Alternatives Analysis (AA) Study was initiated in 2007 to identify all reasonable, fixed-guideway, alternative alignments and transit technologies within the proposed Project Area. The fixed-guideway alternative alignments studied and analyzed during the AA process were heavy rail transit (HRT), light rail transit (LRT), bus rapid transit (BRT), and monorail (MR). Due to its capacity to meet the anticipated ridership demand and limit the number of transfers, HRT was identified as the preferred technology for further study.

In January 2009, the Metro Board approved the AA Study and authorized preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR). A total of seven alternatives, including five heavy rail subway (HRT) Build Alternatives, a No Build Alternative, and a relatively low-cost Transportation System Management (TSM) Alternative, were presented in the DEIS/DEIR. The DEIS/DEIR was circulated and reviewed by interested and concerned parties, including private citizens, community groups, the business community, elected officials and public agencies. Public hearings were held to solicit citizen and agency comments.

In October 2010, the Board approved the DEIS/DEIR and the Wilshire Boulevard to Santa Monica HRT option was selected as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for further analysis in the FEIS/FEIR. The FEIS/FEIR was released in March 2012 for public review. On April 26, 2012, the Board certified the FEIS/FEIR, and in May 24, 2012, it approved the route and station locations for the Project. A Record of Decision was received from the Federal Transit Administration in August of 2012.

In June 2017, the Federal Register published a notice indicating the release of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for a 45-day comment period for the Westside Purple Line Extension Section 2. On November 22, 2017, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation, and the Supplemental Record of Decision (ROD) supplementing the previously issued ROD on August 9, 2012. The FTA determined that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and related federal environmental statutes, regulations, and executive orders have been satisfied for the Westside Subway Extension (now called the Westside Purple Line Extension) Project located in Los Angeles County.

The approved LPA will extend HRT (as subway) approximately nine (9) miles from the existing Metro Purple Line terminus at the Wilshire/ Western Station to a new western terminus at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Hospital (Westwood/ VA Hospital Station). The LPA will include seven new stations spaced in approximately one-mile intervals, as follows:

- Wilshire/La Brea
- Wilshire/Fairfax
- Wilshire/La Cienega
- Wilshire/Rodeo
- Century City
- Westwood/UCLA
- Westwood/VA Hospital

The Project will cause private injury, including the displacement or relocation of certain owners and users of private property. However, no other alternative locations for the Project provide greater public good with less private injury. Therefore, the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

Due to its bulk, the FEIS/FEIR is not physically included in the Board's agenda packet for this public hearing. However, the FEIS/FEIR documents should be considered in connection with this matter. It is recommended that, based upon the foregoing, the Board find and determine that the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

C. The Property is necessary for the Project.

The 18-month TCE is required for construction of the Project. The TCE encumbers the entire 29,852 square feet of the Property for 18 months. The Property is improved with a three-story office building that has a total building area of 24,773 square feet. The TCE is described in Exhibit A and is depicted on the Plat Map attached as Exhibit B, and Description of use for the TCE attached as Exhibit C to the Resolution of Necessity. The TCE is required for the continued construction of the Project. The Property was chosen based upon the approved FEIS/FEIR for the Project.

Staff recommends that the Board find that the acquisition of the TCE is necessary for the Project.

D. An offer was made in compliance with Government Code Section 7267.2.

California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1245.230 requires that a Resolution of Necessity contain a declaration that the governing body has found and determined that either the offer required by Section 7267.2 of the California Government Code has been made to the Owner, or the offer has not been made because the Owner cannot be located with reasonable diligence.

California Government Code Section 7267.2 requires that an offer be made to the Owner and in an amount which the agency believes to be just compensation. The amount must not be less than the agency's approved appraisal of the fair market value of the property. In addition, the agency is required to provide the Owner with a written statement of, and summary of the basis for, the amount it established as just compensation.

Staff has taken the following actions as required by California law for the acquisition of the TCE:

1. Obtained appraisals to determine the fair market value of the Property, which included consideration of any immovable fixtures and equipment;
2. Reviewed and approved the appraisals, and established the amount it believes to be just compensation;
3. Determined the Owner of the Property by examining the county assessor's record, a preliminary title report, and occupancy of the Property;
4. Made a written offer to the Owner for the full amount of just compensation – which was not less than the approved appraised value;
5. Provided the Owner with a written statement of, and summary of the basis for, the amount established as just compensation with respect to the foregoing offer.

It is recommended that based on the above evidence, the Board find and determine that the offer required by Section 7267.2 of the California Government Code has been made to the Owner.

E. LACMTA has fulfilled the necessary statutory prerequisites.

LACMTA is authorized to acquire property interest by eminent domain for the purposes contemplated by the Project under Public Utilities Code §§ 30503, 30600, 130051.13, and 130220.5; Code of Civil Procedure §§ 1230.010-1273.050; and Article I, § 19 of the California Constitution.

F. LACMTA has complied with the California Environmental Quality Act.

A draft EIR/EIS was circulated for public review and comment. The FEIS/FEIR was released in March 2012 for public review. On April 26, 2012, the Board certified the FEIS/FEIR, and in May 24, 2012, it approved the route and station locations for the Project. A Record of Decision was received from the Federal Transit Administration in August of 2012. The FEIS/FEIR documents therefore comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. Since that time, none of the circumstances identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 have occurred which would require the preparation of a subsequent EIR. As set forth above, Metro has also fulfilled the statutory prerequisites under Code of Civil Procedure § 1240.030 and Government Code § 7267.2.

Accordingly, LACMTA has fulfilled the necessary statutory prerequisites to acquire the TCE by eminent domain.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution of Necessity.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 – Legal Description (“Exhibit A”)
- 2 – Plat Map (“Exhibit B”)
- 3- Description of Uses of Temporary Construction Easement (“Exhibit “C”)

**EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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EXHIBIT "A"

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SAID LAND CONVEYED TO AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BY CORPORATION GRANT DEED RECORDED OCTOBER 25, 1962, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 1590, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT PORTION OF LOT 4, TRACT NO. 26196, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 684 PAGES 78 THROUGH 86 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 35° 46' 43" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 217.06 FEET ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 4, TO THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, NORTH 35° 46' 43" WEST, 105.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 54° 13' 17" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 288.86 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOT 4, THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY LOT LINE, SOUTH 30° 46' 43" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 105.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 54° 13' 17" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 279.67 FEET TO THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

EXCEPT ALL MINERALS, OIL, GAS AND HYDROCARBONS IN AND UNDER SAID LAND BUT WITHOUT RIGHT OF ENTRY UPON THE SURFACE OR UPPER 500 FEET (MEASURED FROM THE SURFACE) OF SAID LAND, AS RESERVED BY FOX REALTY CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA, IN DEED RECORDED APRIL 17, 1961 IN BOOK D 1190 PAGE 104, OFFICIAL RECORDS.

AFFECTS APN: 4319-001-008

NOTE:

THIS LEGAL DESCRIPTION WAS NOT PREPARED FOR ANY PURPOSE THAT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUBDIVISION MAP ACT OR LOCAL ORDINANCES OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVING JURISDICTION.

PREPARED BY:


JANEEN NEDLIK, P.L.S. 7563


DATE



EXHIBIT B
PLAT MAP

GRANTOR : AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		The data shown on this map and/or plat are compiled from public sources and are subject to field verification.	
DESCRIPTION : PORTION OF LOT 4 OF TRACT NO. 26196, M.B. 684/70-86			
BENCH MARK :			
TITLE REPORT : ORANGE COAST TITLE NO. 140-1264287-32	ADDRESS : 1950 CENTURY PARK EAST LOS ANGELES 90067		
ASSESSOR'S REF. : 4319-001-008	R.O.W. REFERENCE : N-30361 W-3602	NO.	DATE
		REVISION DESCRIPTION	

EXHIBIT "B"

TRACT NO. 5609

LOT E

M.B. 76/68-71

PARCEL	W-3602		
AREA - SQUARE FEET	29,852		

APPROVED BY:

Michael M. K... 11/10/16

MIA PROJECT MANAGER DATE

PARCEL PLAT

W-3602

SHEET 1 OF 1

CONTRACT NO./DESIGN UNIT

SCALE 1"=80'

DATE 04/27/2015

DRAWN BY T. RAUNEY

CHECKED BY J. NEDLIK

REV. DATE REV. NO.

EXHIBIT C

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

The purpose and uses of the temporary construction easement shall include the following:

- (1) ingress and egress over, through, across, and under the Easement Area, by persons on foot and by vehicles of all kinds, sizes and weights;
- (2) storage in and upon the Easement Area of vehicles, equipment, and materials of all kinds and natures;
- (3) construction of temporary buildings, structures and other improvements in and upon the Easement Area, for any purpose reasonably related to the construction of a rapid transit system;
- (4) excavation within the Easement Area, or the storage area thereon of material excavated elsewhere, and the alteration of the surface elevation and grade thereof;
- (5) removal of the parking garage on the Property together with any trees, shrubs, or other vegetation from the Easement Area;
- (6) installation of temporary pipes, wires, or lines for water, gas, electric or telephone services, drainage, sewerage or other utilities on, across, over, under or through the Easement Area;
- (7) use of the office building as a field office for project design and construction personnel; and
- (8) all other uses necessary, incidental, convenient or useful to the construction by Grantee of a rapid transit system.

At the expiration of the easement, the easement area shall be restored as nearly as practicable to its condition at the time the easement commenced with the exception of reconstruction of the parking garage and the existence of subsurface foundations and soldier piles utilized in the construction of the access shaft and subsurface tunnels.