



AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

CITY OF HAWTHORNE City Council AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of October 24, 2023
Originating Department: Public Works

City Manager:


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Dir. of Public Works:


Akbar Farokhi

SUBJECT:

Letter of Support of the Metro C-Line (Green) Extension from the Redondo Beach (Marine) Station to the new Torrance Transit Center via Hawthorne Bl Elevated Option

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this report.

DISCUSSION:

Metro is planning to extend the C Line (Green) from the Redondo Beach (Marine) Station to the new Torrance Transit Center. The extension will provide an alternative to congestion along the busy I-405 corridor and expand access of the region by connecting to the Metro Rail C (Green) and E (Expo) Lines, and two new regional bus centers in Redondo Beach and Torrance. Metro prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for three alignments: Metro ROW Elevated/At-Grade Alignment, Trench Option, and Hawthorne Bl Option.

The Hawthorne Bl Option would begin at the existing Redondo Beach (Marine) Station and travel in an elevated structure for the entire alignment until rejoining the ROW south of 190th St. From the existing station, the light rail would turn east and leave the Metro ROW to parallel I-405 between Inglewood Ave and Hawthorne Bl. Near 162nd St, it would turn south onto Hawthorne Bl and travel in the median before rejoining the Metro ROW near 190th St. Two stations are proposed, located adjacent of the South Bay Galleria and the Torrance Transit Center.

Staff recommends supporting the Hawthorne Elevated alternative of the C Line Extension. The extension lines would not be in the City's right-of-way on Hawthorne Bl. Hawthorne residents would not be affected by the construction of the project. Additionally, residents would benefit from the extension by allowing them to take public transportation throughout the area and revitalize the City's businesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

This Metro project aligns with the City's goal of developing mutually beneficial relationships around issues of economic development. The C-Line extension will assist the City in business retention, expansion and revitalization through higher visibility to a diverse ridership and encourages development of a real destination for riders.

This project enhances the quality of life in the City by allowing accessibility through alternative transportation methods and reduces the dependence on motor vehicles. It is also a result of the City working closely with funding and regulatory agencies to support and improve our infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

NOTICING PROCEDURES:

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Metro C-Line (Green) Extension Letter of Support