

MOTION

Modern streetcar systems are innovative, quiet, environmentally-friendly transportation circulation systems which run on a fixed guideway in the line of and at the speed of vehicular traffic. Streetcar systems significantly enhance the pedestrian experience, improve transit connectivity between various forms of transit, reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, encourage walking and stimulate economic development in urban areas.

Cities across the country are rediscovering the positive attributes of streetcar systems, and legislation is underway at the federal level to encourage and incentivize the creation of new fixed guideway streetcar capital projects in the United States.

The City of Los Angeles has requested that the proposed Downtown Los Angeles Streetcar project be included in the Tier 2, strategic unfunded section of the 2008 LACMTA Long Range Transportation Plan. This project would be a fixed guideway streetcar system, which would link to bus transit and regional rail within the urban core of the City of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LACMTA add the Downtown Los Angeles Streetcar into the Tier 2, strategic unfunded section of the 2009 Metro Long Range Transportation Plan.

I FURTHER MOVE that LACMTA staff report back on options for the inclusion and support of new streetcar projects in cities within its jurisdiction when such new fixed guideway streetcar systems will link to regional rail to provide circulator service.

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