

Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project

Westside/Central Service Sector Governance Council

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Project Overview

- Implement bus lanes:
 - Only during weekday peak periods (7-9 AM & 4-7 PM)
 - In both directions
 - In the curb lane
 - Open to all vehicles making right turns
 - Open to all vehicles in the off-peak period
- Improve street infrastructure:
 - Repave curb lanes
 - Widen selective segments
 - Improve traffic signal timing
 - Improve bus signal priority
- Minimize parking impacts



Participating Agencies

- **Planning and Design**
 - City of Los Angeles
 - Department of Transportation
 - Bureau of Engineering
 - Bureau of Street Services
 - Mayor's Office
 - City Council Offices
 - County of Los Angeles
 - Department of Public Works
 - County Supervisors
 - Metro
- **Construction**
 - City of Los Angeles
 - Los Angeles County
- **Funding**
 - Federal Transit Administration (\$23.3 M)
 - City of Los Angeles (\$3.3 M)
 - Metro (\$4.9 M)



Environmental Process



- Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA):
 - To examine Wilshire BRT feasibility
 - **To determine if further environmental review is necessary ***
- Evaluate potential impacts including:
 - Traffic & Parking
 - Air Quality
 - Noise
 - Environmental Justice/Community Impacts
 - Historic Resources/Parklands
 - Cultural Resources

* This is the same slide that was presented at the November 2008 community meetings. Meeting notices, FAQ summary, and project web page also indicated that one purpose of the IS/EA is to determine if further environmental review is necessary.

Community Meetings



- **Four meetings held November 12-19, 2008**
 - 141 people attended
 - 60 people provided verbal comments/questions
- **Meeting notification**
 - US Mail sent to 309 addresses
 - E-mail sent to 950 addresses (3 separate notices)
 - Distribution included:
 - Elected officials - local, state, and federal (42)
 - Neighborhood Councils and other elected groups (183)
 - Homeowners Associations and Neighborhood Organizations (134)
 - Chambers of Commerce and business leaders (39)
 - Community-based and civic organizations (21)
 - Local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) (7)
 - Key destinations and employers (25)
 - Transportation advocates and interest groups (12)
 - Print, broadcast media, community-based publications (175)

Community Meetings (cont.)



- Meeting notifications (cont.)
 - “Take-one” brochures placed on Metro Bus Lines 20, 720, and 920 (86,000 daily boardings).
 - Print advertisements in the UCLA Daily Bruin, Korean Daily News, and Hoy (Spanish), week of November 10th.
 - Press release widely distributed.
 - Most materials prepared in English, Spanish, and Korean.
 - Project Webpage: www.metro.net/Wilshire
 - November meetings were posted
 - Also shows Fact Sheet, Frequently Asked Questions & PowerPoint presentation from community meetings.

Questions & Comments

