

RESOLUTION NO. 19-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING EASTSIDE
TRANSIT CORRIDOR (GOLD LINE),
WASHINGTON BLVD LIGHT RAIL ALTERNATIVE**

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Eastside Gold Line Phase II light rail project seeks to extend the Gold Line east from its current terminus at Pomona Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard, and; supporting the Washington Blvd alternative for the Eastside Transit Corridor.

WHEREAS, The cities of Commerce, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier, formed the Washington Boulevard Coalition to support the Washington Boulevard alternative, as follows:

- It best supports regional land use objectives.
- It is projected to have the highest number of new riders.
- It provides transit to the highest number of low income households and seniors.
- It provides service to the most transit-dependent population.
- It allows the greatest overall user benefit hours.
- It connects communities by linking regional employment, education, shopping, healthcare, and homes, and;

WHEREAS, Metro released the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Eastside Extension project area in August 2014 and the City and community provided numerous comments supporting the Washington Boulevard alignment, and;

WHEREAS, In November 2014, the Metro Board determined to continue study on both the Washington Boulevard and 60 Freeway alignments and instructed its staff to pursue these technical refinements, and;

WHEREAS, In 2017, Metro staff completed Post Draft EIS/EIR Technical studies where they responded to comments and identified a new connection to Washington Blvd. As such, the updated project definitions of Alternatives for Environmental clearance were as follows:

- Washington Blvd LRT Alternative with Atlantic Below Grade
- SR 60 North Side Design Variation
- Combined Alternative builds both SR 60 and Washington Blvd., and;

WHEREAS, In late 2018 Metro has re-initiated the Draft Environmental Studies and is advancing conceptual engineering, and;

WHEREAS, There is a strong sentiment that the East Los Angeles region has traditionally been left out of the projects from the Tax Measure program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council for the City of Commerce finds and declares that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and incorporates said recitals into this Resolution as substantive findings.

Section 2. City Council approves this Resolution supporting the Washington Blvd alternative for the Eastside Transit Corridor.

Section 3. City Council authorizes staff to coordinate with Gold Line Washington Boulevard cities to advocate accelerated start dates for each project.

Section 4. City Council authorizes staff to coordinate in concert with other corridor cities and their respective business communities and organizations to advocate for accelerated start dates.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19^h day of February, 2019.

Hugo A. Argumedo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway, City Clerk