

RESOLUTION NO. 19-130

**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WASHINGTON BOULEVARD COALITION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Eastside Gold Line Phase II light rail project will extend Gold Line light rail service east from the current terminus at Pomona and Atlantic Boulevards towards the City of Whittier; and

WHEREAS, A broad stakeholder coalition, which includes employers, educators, community members, health care providers and local governments, has coalesced to advocate for the Washington Boulevard alignment in the upcoming eastside extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail segment; and

WHEREAS, Over the last several years, there have been four cities that have advocated in partnership for the Washington Blvd alignment: Commerce, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier. Recently, Montebello also took a support position for the Washington alignment. The various cities have dedicated countless hours studying, meeting, advocating, and engaging stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, At their January 2018 meeting, the Metro Board adopted the Twenty-Eight by '28 plan to complete twenty-eight major projects in advance of the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics and Paralympics. Eight of the twenty-eight projects have been deemed "aspirational" and are not fully funded before the accelerated project completion date. In May 2019, the Metro Board reiterated their commitment to the four pillar projects on the Twenty-Eight by '28 plan, including the Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase II; and

WHEREAS, The City of Commerce, within its jurisdictional boundaries, will be included in a portion of the Washington Boulevard alternative for the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 project. This alternative proposes below grade and aerial alignment and a light rail station at the Citadel Outlets. As part of the Washington Boulevard alignment, Metro is proposing to designate a maintenance and storage facility in an industrial area near Washington Boulevard and Garfield Avenue within the city boundaries, a site has not yet been identified. This will be a secured maintenance facility serving the light rail line consisting of tracks, equipment, supporting systems, and related site development; and

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2019 City Council approved a resolution supporting the Washington Boulevard alternative for the Eastside Transit Corridor and it is pivotal that we formally adopt the attached Memorandum of Understanding which memorializes the key principles that unite the cities in the Washington Boulevard Coalition. As the lead land use agencies along the alignment, the cities will play a key role in ensuring the alternative is constructed.

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

Section 1. Approve and adopt this resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Washington Boulevard Coalition Memorandum of Understanding in a form acceptable to

CC Mtg: October 15, 2019

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the City Attorney, in substantial conformance to the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.**

  
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John Soria  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lena Shumway  
City Clerk