



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 15, 2008
Item Number: F-14
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager
Subject: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AB 2321, ACA 10, AB 2558, AB 2388, AB 1836 AND AB 1815
Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. 2008 Transportation Legislative Package

INTRODUCTION

A legislative bill packaged relating to transportation issues has been introduced into the State of California Assembly by Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles.)

DISCUSSION

ACA 10, AB 1836, AB 2321, AB 2558, AB 2388 and AB 1815 have been introduced to help address congested traffic and reduced mobility in the Los Angeles region.

These measures – which are outlined on the next page – offer a variety of options to finance transportation projects in our region, widely acknowledged as one of the most congested and polluted in the nation. At the same time, these environmentally-sound transportation alternatives will also assist the economy and improve the quality of life for residents, employees and visitors to the City of Beverly Hills.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed legislative bill package could impact the City from a financial perspective. Specifically, a fiscal impact could result from legislation to extend the additional percent sales tax levied upon goods and services purchased in the

County of Los Angeles from 6 ½ years to 30 years (AB 2321.) Additional fiscal impacts would be likely through implementation of a carbon emission fee (AB 2558) and through a surcharge vehicle license fee upon motor vehicles, including City vehicles (AB 2388.)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council express support for ACA 10, AB 1836, AB 2321, AB 2558, AB 2388 and AB 1815 to its legislative representatives, and that the use of the City's name be authorized for use by the bills' sponsor, Assemblyman Mike Feuer.

Cheryl Friedling *cf*
Approved By

Attachment 1

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 08-R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AB 2321, ACA 10, AB 2558, AB 2388,
AB 1836 AND AB 1815

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles region is severely impacted by congested traffic and reduced mobility; and

WHEREAS, innovative options are required to finance transportation projects that transform the region from one of the most congested and polluted in the country to a national model for how to move individuals and goods efficiently, and

WHEREAS, viable, environmentally-sound transportation alternatives will help reduce congestion, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life for residents, employees and visitors to the City of Beverly Hills, and

WHEREAS, a package of transportation-related legislation introduced by Assemblymember Mike Feuer will create new financing alternatives for transportation projects critical to the futures of families and businesses in our communities.

Now, therefore, the Council of the City of Beverly Hills hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Beverly Hills supports AB 2321, ACA 10, AB 2558, AB 2388, AB 1836 and AB 1815.

Section 2. The City of Beverly Hills authorizes the use of the City's name by Assemblyman Mike Feuer in support of AB 2321, ACA 10, AB 2558, AB 2388, AB 1836 and AB 1815.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution and shall cause the Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Adopted:

BARRY BRUCKER
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



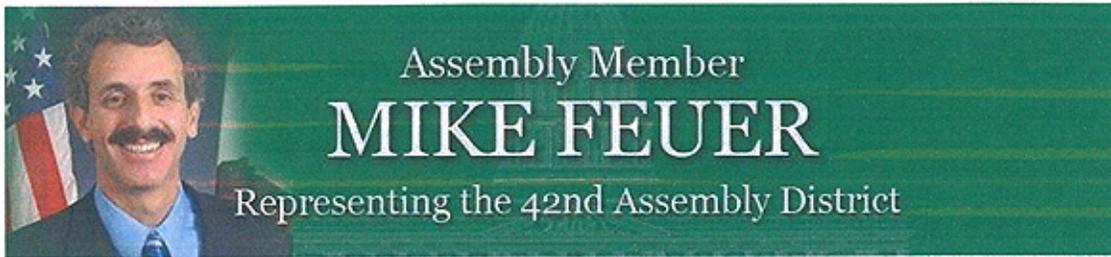
LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

RODERICK J. WOOD
City Manager

Attachment 2

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1. ACA 10: Constitutional Amendment to Lower Bond Vote Threshold

This Constitutional Amendment will lower the vote threshold for the approval of bonds (and any tax increase associated with these bonds) for local transportation projects from a 2/3 vote of the people to a 55% vote of the people modeled off the language in Proposition 39 from 2000 for the education bonds.

2. AB 1836: Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFDs)

IFDs are similar to redevelopment agencies (RDAs) in that they can be used to reallocate existing tax revenues to improve a particular area. However, unlike RDAs, IFDs require voter approval by a 2/3 vote. This bill will remove the voter approval putting IFDs on par with RDAs.

3. AB 2321: Clean Up Language to SB 314

SB 314 (Murray, 2003) authorized the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to impose an additional percent sales tax in Los Angeles County upon the approval of the voters in that county. This bill will amend the provision that the tax would be limited to a 6 ½ year period to a 30 year period and allows the extra revenue generated from the sales tax to go towards MTA's Long Range Transportation Plan.

4. AB 2558: Carbon Emission Fee

This bill would authorize a carbon emissions fee (county-wide or perhaps regional subject to voter approval). MTA would decide whether the fee would be assessed at the pump or through the Vehicle License Fee. The revenue generated from the fee would go to air pollution and congestion alleviation programs.

5. AB 2388: Additional Vehicle License Fee

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to impose and collect a surcharge on the registration fees for every motor vehicle based on the amount of carbon emissions emitted by the passenger vehicle and the weight of the passenger vehicle. The fund would be used by locals on projects to mitigate the effects of carbon emissions, wear and tear on roads and congestion.

6. AB 1815: Task Force to Look at Alternatives to Gas Tax

This bill will establish a 14-member California Transportation Infrastructure Financing Task Force for the purpose of studying alternatives to the current system of taxing road users through per-gallon fuel taxes and reporting its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2010.