



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: July 7, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation

Subject: City Council Legislative Committee's Recommendation for
Consideration by the Council to Set Aside Funding for
Advocacy, Technical and Legal Consulting Services
Regarding the Westside Subway Extension Project

Attachments: 1. None

INTRODUCTION

The City Council's Legislative Committee comprised of Vice Mayor Brien and Councilmember Mirisch ("Committee") met on June 28, 2011 to review issues related to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro's) proposed Westside Subway Extension.

DISCUSSION

This item presents the Committee's recommendation related to the proposed Westside Subway Extension. The Committee recommends that an initial allocation of \$350,000 be identified in the City's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget and that such monies be set aside for future efforts related to the City's position on the Westside Subway Extension. This allocation would be used for experts related to tunneling as well as geotechnical experts, consulting firms, public relations firms and legal services. The Committee made clear that this \$350,000 amount would represent an initial 1st quarter allocation which can be augmented with additional City funds in subsequent fiscal quarters if deemed necessary.

The Committee also requested that City staff be charged with providing a preliminary identification of initial funding sources for this allocation within the City's budget. Staff will present immediate funding opportunities to the City Council on July 7, 2011 and will continue to work with Finance Department staff

to identify unspent budgeted funds available for re-allocation, as Fiscal Year 2010-11 comes to a close.

Finally, the Committee's recommendation emphasized that any funds re-allocated for this effort from existing City programs be prioritized and returned to the original budget category if not utilized.

FISCAL IMPACT

An initial amount of \$350,000 can be identified for re-allocation purposes to a contingency fund to be used for experts, consulting or legal services related to the City's position on the Westside Subway Extension. Any funds identified and re-allocated for this purpose would be returned to the original budget source if not utilized.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council review the recommendation of the City Council Legislative Committee and provide direction to the City Manager to re-appropriate funds from the City's FY 2010-11 budget for the purposes identified by the Legislative Committee.



Scott Miller
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