City Council Approves Temporary Full Closure of Wilshire Blvd for Metro Purple Line Construction

Beverly Hills, CA – With reduced vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the City of Beverly Hills due to the COVID-19 emergency, the City Council today approved an accelerated construction timeline for the Metro Purple Line Project and a temporary full closure of Wilshire Boulevard.

The temporary closure between Crescent Drive and Beverly Drive, and a portion of Beverly Drive at Wilshire Boulevard, will expedite subway construction and mitigate future impacts of the project.

“This is truly a unique circumstance that will allow for minimal disruption in our City,” said Mayor Les Friedman. “After collaborative discussions with both our residential and business communities, this plan has received support as an effective strategy in an unprecedented time.”

The work is expected to begin in the coming days and will include new hauling hours between 7 A.M. and 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. and 7 P.M. Metro may work on non-religious holidays such as Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and Father’s Day. All other authorized work hours and days will remain in effect.

During the full Wilshire closure, changeable message boards, detour signage, and traffic control officers will be present throughout the area to route traffic to Olympic and Santa Monica Boulevards. Soft closures will be in place along Wilshire Boulevard within the detour area to allow local access (map below). Local access to businesses will be maintained.

Before work commences, Metro will host a webinar on April 1 at noon, to explain the changes. You may access the webinar from your computer or mobile device by clicking here to join or to join by phone, please call (646) 749-3122 and enter GoToMeeting ID 596-703-589 when prompted. Both the City and Metro will communicate through a
comprehensive digital outreach campaign including email notices, website and social media postings.

This specially authorized Metro work may continue until the City’s local emergency is cancelled or within five days of notice from the City Manager or designee. For more information, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline

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