Public Comment Now Open on Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Westside Purple Line Extension Wilshire/Rodeo Station North Portal Project

Virtual Special City Council Meeting set for September 16th

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills (City) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Westside Purple Line Extension Wilshire/Rodeo Station North Portal (Project). The Project is a second entrance/exit for the Wilshire/Rodeo Station on the north side of Wilshire Boulevard.

The Draft EIR evaluates the potential for environmental impacts resulting from three potential portal locations, and also provides mitigation measures where required. The three potential portal locations are: Beverly Drive, Cañon Drive-Half Portal, and Cañon Drive Staging Yard.

Please join the City on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM, for a Virtual Special City Council Meeting to learn about the Project and provide public comments on the Draft EIR.

Background:

The Wilshire/Rodeo Station currently under construction within the City of Beverly Hills was originally designed to have only one entrance on the southwest corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Reeves Drive, per the Final EIS/EIR. In 2018, the City approached Metro to provide a secondary entrance/exit on the north side of the Wilshire/Rodeo Station to deliver improved, convenient passenger access within the city with fewer street crossings and provide direct access to dense commercial activity centers located north of Wilshire Boulevard.

Metro’s Wilshire/Rodeo Station will be located under Wilshire Boulevard, with the main entrance on the southwest corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Reeves Drive. The underground station is part of the Purple Line Extension Section 2 that will extend Metro’s subway to downtown Beverly Hills and Century City. Section 2 is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed by 2025.
Special City Council Meeting Information:
What: Virtual Special City Council Meeting
When: September 16, 2020, at 7:00 PM
Where: For details on how to access the meeting by telephone, online, or on Beverly Hills Television Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable, go to: www.beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings.

The meeting may be viewed at www.beverlyhills.org/live

How to Comment:
Comments may be received during the public comment period from August 21, 2020, through October 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Comments can be submitted by email to NorthPortal@beverlyhills.org or by mail to:

Jessie Holzer, Transportation Planner
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455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California, 90210

For questions or if you need special assistance to attend the meeting, please contact the Transportation Planning Division at (310) 285-1128 or NorthPortal@beverlyhills.org.

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