

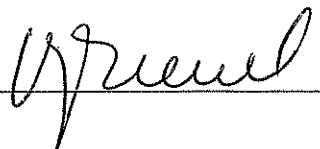
MOTION

A coalition of Downtown Los Angeles stakeholders is seeking to build a 3.4-mile streetcar line that would carry workers, residents and tourists down Broadway, connecting other nearby destinations such as LA Live, the Music Center and Grand Avenue. The proposed streetcar system is considered a priority catalytic project for Downtown Los Angeles. The first step in the development of the project is to begin the environmental and engineering studies that are required before settling on a route.

The Upper Second Street Project involved the construction of a secondary arterial street along the Upper Second Street alignment between Olive Street and Grand Avenue to eliminate a gap in the existing road infrastructure system at the top of Bunker Hill. In August 2004, Council approved Federal Surface Transportation - Local (STPL) funds in the amount of \$1.8 million to cover a funding gap in construction (C.F. 00-1876). The project is near completion and only \$800,000 has been used. In order to begin the steps necessary to implement a streetcar, the remaining \$1 million should be reallocated to the proposed Downtown Streetcar project to begin the necessary environmental and engineering studies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council direct the Bureau of Street Services and the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to reallocate \$1 million in Federal Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-L) funds from the Upper Second Street Project, which is near completion, to the L.A. Streetcar project to conduct the necessary alternative analysis and engineering work.

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