

RESOLUTION

THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has conducted a public hearing on the matter of an amendment to Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts (T.O.D.'s) on March 22, 2000, and further considered the ordinance and related zone changes at meetings on April 12, 2000 and April 26, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. The new Green Line light rail alignment and station locations have provided the County of Los Angeles with unique new opportunities for planning in the areas surrounding the Vermont Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard stations in West Athens and Lennox, respectively.
2. The Countywide General Plan calls for the establishment of specific development standards and development incentives when warranted in specific communities with unique land use opportunities or problems.
3. The Green Line light rail alignment and station locations will attract new residents to these communities, and will also attract new business enterprises to serve these residents.
4. The proposed Green Line Transit Oriented Districts (T.O.D.) establish a new framework for development in the Districts which will accommodate anticipated residents, workers, and business owners, and promote a high quality living and working environment within one-quarter mile of the Vermont Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard stations.
5. The proposed Green Line T.O.D. Ordinance will help to promote a walkable environment in these T.O.D. neighborhoods, so that residents, workers, and business owners can undertake many of their daily tasks and leisure activities on foot, on bicycle, and on transit.
6. Establishment of walkable development standards and neighborhood-serving business incentives will help to attract pedestrian-oriented, neighborhood-serving commercial uses, and high-quality affordable housing to the Districts, thereby promoting convenient, vibrant and cohesive T.O.D. neighborhoods.

7. The proposed Green Line T.O.D. Ordinance will help to strengthen the physical and economic vitality of the Vermont Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard T.O.D. neighborhoods.
8. The proposed new framework for development will help to revitalize the T.O.D. neighborhoods, and at the same time help to increase transit ridership.
9. The Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Advisory Committee (TODAC), comprised of active individuals from the West Athens and Lennox communities, acted in an advisory capacity to assist in the development of the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Ordinance.
10. The recommendations contained in the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Ordinance was also subjected to extensive citizen review and two community meetings held in West Athens and Lennox on January 24, and January 27, 2000, respectively.
11. The approval of the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Ordinance will ensure that the goals and policies of the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Strategy Report are implemented.
12. The proposed ordinance is consistent with policies on the Los Angeles Countywide General Plan and the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan.
13. A Negative Declaration has been prepared determining that the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Ordinance and related zone changes will not have a significant effect on the physical environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. That the Board hold a duly noticed public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code, Zoning Ordinance, relating to the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts, related zone changes, and related Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Strategy Report.
2. That the Board adopt the attached proposed ordinance containing modifications to Title 22, Zoning Ordinance, and changes of Zones [Case No. 00-22 (2)]; and determine that they are compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

3. That the Board adopt the Negative Declaration relating to the Green Line Transit Oriented Districts Ordinance and related zone changes, finding that such amendment will have no significant effect on the environment, and certify that the Negative Declaration has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State and County Guidelines related thereto.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on April 26, 2000.

Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary
Regional Planning Commission
County of Los Angeles