Amendment to
Motion for Westchester Light Rail Station
Supervisor Don Knabe

The Westchester community in the City of Los Angeles would benefit greatly from a rail transit station (at Manchester/Aviation) for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project and last month, the Board heard from community leaders that a station is desired and needed. An at-grade station alternative near Hindry has been environmentally cleared and should be advanced in the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project's design and construction RFP, in a manner similar to but not competing with the Vernon (Leimert Park) Station, in order to not preclude a station in Westchester if that station can be designed and constructed within the project budget. It is appropriate at this time, to advance the concept of a Westchester Station by taking this important step toward making it a reality.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the MTA Board of Directors direct the CEO to:

1) Include the Westchester (Manchester/Aviation) Station (at-grade near Hindry) as a bid option during the construction procurement, i.e. bidders will propose prices for the following additional Option (in addition to the three Options identified as 1A, 1B, and 1C that were adopted by the MTA Board for Item 1, May 26, 2011), and establish a clear pecking order for the additional option below that the first-priority is the Leimert Park/Vernon underground station, with second-priority to the Westchester (Manchester/Aviation) Station (at-grade near Hindry):

   A. Baseline project plus Leimert Park/Vernon underground station and Westchester (Manchester/Aviation) Station (at-grade near Hindry)

2) Recommend for MTA Board approval a design/build contract for Options 2A, 2B that were adopted by the MTA Board for Item 1, May 26, 2011, and include the following additional Option for consideration:

   A. Option 1A (as described in this motion) if a responsible and responsive bid is received that is less than or equal to the adopted life of project budget.

3) Authorize a contract modification in the amount of $250,000 $300,000 to complete the additional design and engineering work needed for the Project, to prepare the Westchester Station Option for the construction procurement, that is within the adopted life of project budget.