The site plan drawing for the Regional Connector Broadway Station in the Draft EIS/EIR and Supplemental EA/Recirculated Draft EIS/EIR includes passenger access portals on both the Broadway and Spring Street sides of the Broadway station, spanning the block between Broadway and Spring on 2nd Street. This design will allow for easy access from the Regional Connector to the Civic Center and to Broadway, as well as swift and easy pedestrian transfers to the proposed Downtown L.A. Streetcar, while creating a sense of place through the active pedestrian use of this station plaza, increasing accessibility to the station and boosting ridership.

Additionally, the station's below grade mezzanine for ticketing and cueing, which is typical for stations in other parts of Metro's system, provides an opportunity to create a sense of place with an iconic pedestrian plaza to celebrate Broadway's rich entertainment and commercial history within a national register historic district, and integrate urban design, bicycle and street furniture, streetscape elements, and station art on the plaza.

Through value engineering, the size of the Broadway station has been truncated in half, and the Spring Street portal has been eliminated entirely. Rather than utilizing a below grade mezzanine, ticketing and cueing are now proposed for the plaza level, above ground, limiting capacity and efficiency as well as diminishing station design opportunities on the plaza.

While reductions are potentially necessary from a budget perspective, it would be prudent to design both configurations and seek bids that consider the inclusion and exclusion of these elements. Therefore, if sufficient funding is available or additional funding is identified in the future, station elements eliminated during the value engineering process can be added back as bid options.

I THEREFORE MOVE:

1. that preliminary engineering and station designs for the Broadway Station of the Regional Connector be completed to include both Broadway and Spring Street passenger access portals, and a ticketing mezzanine;
2. that bids be solicited to both include and exclude these items, so that if sufficient funding is available or becomes available, these important station elements can be completed; and
3. include $500,000 to perform PE for a second entrance for the Broadway Station as an option in the PE Contract E019 with Connector partnership Joint Venture with no increase in the life of the project budget.