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**Amendment to Item 19 by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Metro Construction Committee  
July 18, 2013**

## **Small Business Loss Mitigation Program**

Public transit construction, particularly at grade and on busy streets, can cause significant disruptions to existing businesses. Metro has traditionally had a program of providing support services to these businesses to assist them with marketing, parking and other logistical challenges during transit construction.

Other cities across America, including, for example, Seattle and Minneapolis, have instituted more robust programs, including financial assistance, to help businesses that are impacted by the disruptions of transit construction. Evidence confirms that these business loss mitigation programs have been successful in assisting many businesses, particularly small and locally-owned businesses, through the challenges of transit construction.

The recently approved Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor will involve construction through historically and commercially significant neighborhoods along Crenshaw Boulevard. A portion of the construction will be at grade, from approximately 48<sup>th</sup> Street to 60<sup>th</sup> Street, where special sensitivity is required to support the existing business community.

### **I THEREFORE MOVE THAT:**

1. Metro continue to investigate successful Business Loss Mitigation Programs in Seattle, Minneapolis and other metropolitan areas, and to catalog and evaluate specific programs that are proved to be successful.

2. Prepare recommendations for a Small Business Loss Mitigation Fund specifically targeted to assisting small and locally-owned businesses along the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor between 48<sup>th</sup> Street and 60<sup>th</sup> Street in Los Angeles.
3. Report back to the Board in 60 days with these recommendations.