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metro.net**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 17, 2013****SUBJECT: ALFRED HOYUN SONG STATION DEDICATION****ACTION: APPROVE PLACEMENT OF ALFRED HOYUN SONG MEMORIAL ON  
WILSHIRE/WESTERN PURPLE LINE PLAZA****RECOMMENDATION**

- A. Approve placement of a monument commemorating Senator Alfred Hoyun Song on the Wilshire/Western Purple Line plaza.
- B. Approve on-going maintenance, repair and lighting of the monument by Metro. The monument will be designed, produced and installed by contractors procured by the Senator Alfred Hoyun Song Commemoration Committee.

**ISSUE**

On December 13, 2012 the Metro Board of Directors approved a November 14, 2012 motion by Director Mark Ridley-Thomas to dedicate the Metro Wilshire/Western Purple Line Station to California State Senator Alfred Hoyun Song, the first Asian American legislator elected in the continental United States in 1962. This dedication, in accordance with Metro policy, provides for the placement of a commemorative 20" x 30" bronze plaque on the station's mezzanine level. After the December 13, 2012 Board meeting, Metro staff was approached by Leslie Song Winner, the late-Senator's daughter, about placing a monument to her late-father on the plaza level of the station. This monument would further enhance the commemoration of Senator Song and would provide additional visibility and information about the senator to share with the community at street level. The monument will be designed, produced and installed by the Senator Alfred Hoyun Song Commemoration Committee, a committee formed by Ms. Song -Winner to fund the design, production and installation of the monument.

**DISCUSSION**

The November 14, 2012 Motion for station naming is included as Attachment A. Plans and renderings for the proposed monument are included on Attachment B and its proposed location is shown on Attachment C. Metro's Construction and Engineering

Department has reviewed the preliminary design and proposed location and takes no exception to the same. Metro Facilities Maintenance will be responsible for the on-going maintenance of the memorial, including cleaning and graffiti removal. It is anticipated that maintenance of the monument will require special attention due to its exposure to the elements and the materials that have been indicated in the current design.

The plaza level of the Wilshire/Western station is ground leased to Solair Marketing, LLC for purposes of the joint development located at this station site. The ground lease does not currently allow for placement of the memorial on the plaza. As such, Metro staff has worked with Solair Marketing to allow such placement. A separate matter is before the Board this month requesting approval of an amendment to the ground lease that will allow placement of the memorial on the plaza.

In the event of unforeseen changes such as major modifications to the plaza due to development, transition of ownership or other occurrences that cannot be predicted that may impact the safe and enduring location of the monument, staff recommends consultation and negotiations occur between a designated Song family representative, Metro staff and Solair Marketing (or its successors or assigns), as is necessary or relevant to the resolution of the monument's location and/or disposition.

#### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

Placement of the monument on the plaza is not anticipated to have any negative impact to public safety or the utility of the plaza.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The proposed plaza monument will be designed, produced and installed at no cost to Metro by the Senator Alfred Hoyun Song Commemoration Committee. Metro Construction Services will oversee placement of the monument on the plaza. Ongoing maintenance of the monument will be the responsibility of Rail Facilities Maintenance.

Since maintenance of the monument will be a multi-year responsibility, the Cost Center manager and Executive Director, Maintenance, will be accountable for budgeting any costs associated with this responsibility in future years.

#### **Impact to Budget**

Funding for maintenance activities related to the monument is included in the FY14 budget in Cost Center 3925 (Rail Transit Custodial Services). The source of funds for such maintenance activities is the Enterprise Operating fund. No other funding sources were considered for this activity, because this activity is part of the on-going maintenance costs of Metro facilities and the Enterprise Operating fund supports such activities.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The board could choose not to allow the placement of this monument on the Wilshire/Western Purple Line Station Plaza.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff recommends a final review of design by Metro Operations, Creative Services, Construction and Civil Rights prior to the production and installation of the of the Senator Alfred Hoyun Song monument. Production and placement of the monument will be the responsibility of the Senator Alfred Hoyun Song Commemoration Committee. The placement of this monument will be recognized at a station dedication ceremony. Thereafter, Metro's Facilities Maintenance department will incorporate the monument into its station plaza regimen. If, in the future, the necessity arises to relocate or replace the monument, the associated costs and proposed relocation plan would be brought to the board for consideration and approval following consultation with a designated representative of the Song family.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. November 14, 2012 Motion by Director Mark Ridley-Thomas
- B. Plans and Renderings for the memorial
- C. Site Plan showing location of the memorial

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**Motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Metro Planning and Programming Committee  
November 14, 2012**

**Alfred Hoyun Song Station**

Transit stations are important markers of community identity. Metro has named transit stations for persons of special significance to particular locations, such as the Civic Center/Tom Bradley station, named for the distinguished Mayor of Los Angeles at the station serving City Hall, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Julian Dixon station named for the Congressman who was a leader in the development of the Los Angeles subway system.

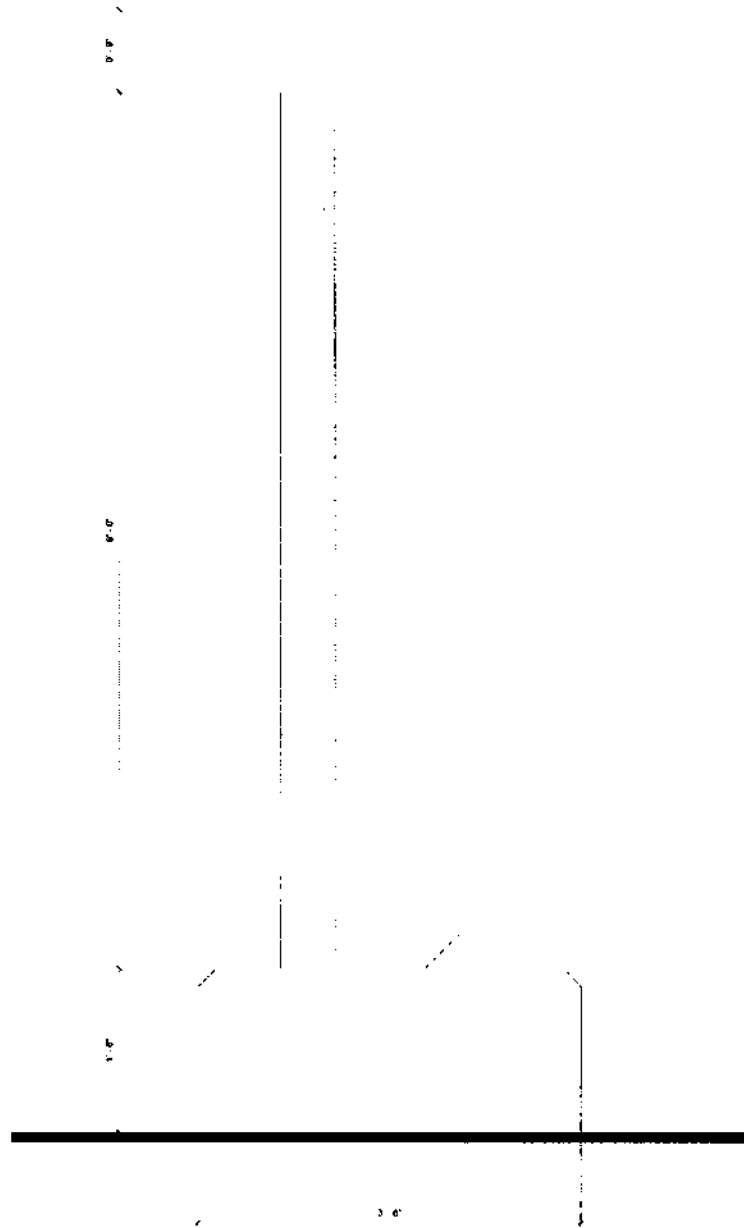
The Wilshire/Western station is located in the very heart of Koreatown, and Alfred Hoyun Song was a trail-blazing Korean American elected official whose accomplishments continue to inspire Korean Americans and all Californians and Americans. Alfred Hoyun Song in 1962 was elected to the California State Assembly, becoming the first Asian American legislator elected in the continental United States and in 1962 and won election to the California State Senate, where he distinguished himself as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

**I, Therefore, Move that the MTA Board of Directors direct the CEO to:**

Prepare a plan to change the name of the Wilshire/Western station on the Purple Line to the "Wilshire/Western Alfred Hoyun Song Station," to commemorate the work of Senator Song. Report back to the board in 60 days.

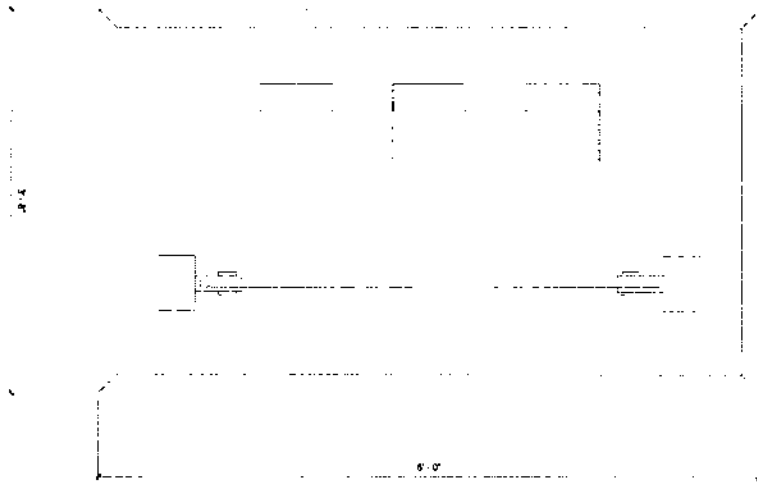


Attachment B



SIDE ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Attachment B



PLAN  
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"



