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MOTION

In February 2021, the City Council adopted a motion (CF 13-0197-S13) to create a Transportation Technology Innovation Zone in the Warner Center in the West San Fernando Valley and to encourage and incentivize the development of innovative transportation technologies in this area. Although this action has not resulted in substantive changes to City policies, it has attracted a combination of private investment and State grant funding.

The 2-square-mile Warner Center has experienced substantial growth in recent years and that growth is expected to continue, due in large part to the Warner Center 2035 Specific Plan, with more than 11,000 housing units and 3.5 million square feet of commercial development constructed, approved or proposed since 2008. The City should continue its efforts to promote economic vitality in this area.

The City and other Warner Center entities originally partnered with Urban Movement Labs (UML) to assist in development of policies and administration of grants in the Transportation Technology Innovation Zone. UML has since been absorbed by the LA Cleantech Incubator, which has a broader focus beyond transportation to include other technological advances and the broader green economy.

In addition, Warner Center has seen recent growth in the biohealth, biomedical and biotech sectors. Expanding the scope of the TTIZ will support initiatives in this growing business sector, helping to create more jobs in Warner Center.

The enhanced scope of the TTIZ presents an opportunity for the City to expand Warner Center's goals to include transportation and technological innovation, including biohealth, biomedical and biotech.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City of Los Angeles establish the Transportation and Technology Innovation Zone in the Warner Center.

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