

RESOLUTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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WHEREAS, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) is applying for \$4.7 Million Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant as part of the United States Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program for *Metrolink Sustainable Locomotives: Redressing Historic Harms Along Legacy Railroad Tracks Project* (Project); and

WHEREAS, Metrolink plans to use the grant funds to purchase new locomotives powered by the lowest-emission diesel engines that will replace an aging fleet of old diesel locomotives, reducing emissions of federally regulated pollutants by 53 to 76 percent; and

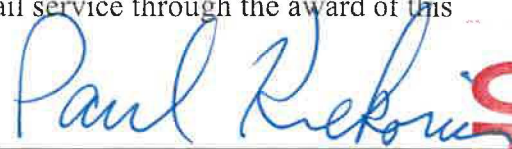
WHEREAS, with the new locomotives, Metrolink will have the largest fleet in California that is operated on 100 percent renewable fuel, further demonstrating Metrolink's commitment to reducing emissions and greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, when implemented, the Project will significantly reduce greenhouse emissions from regional passenger rail service in the nation's most polluted air quality basin, delivering improved air quality and public health benefits to an estimated 3.2 million people living and working along the 545 miles of Metrolink track, where more than half of the neighboring communities are designated as disadvantaged by USDOT; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a prime example of advancing social and environmental justice through targeted transportation investments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles supports the Southern California Regional Authority's *Sustainable Locomotives: Redressing Historic Harms Along Legacy Railroad Tracks Project* grant application for funding through the United States State Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program and encourages USDOT to partner with the State and the regions in a collective effort to transform and modernize passenger rail service through the award of this grant.

PRESENTED BY:



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Councilmember, 2nd District

SEP 29 2023

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