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Bringing Transportation Hubs to Athens Westmont

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved \$471,000 to develop a transportation hub within a half-mile radius from the Metro Green Line Vermont/Athens Station in the West Athens Westmont community.

The West Athens proposal is the latest in a series of plans aimed at increasing public transportation use in Los Angeles County. It is a high priority for Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who authored the West Athens motion approved Tuesday, and who has been leading the effort to increase transportation hubs, most recently in west Carson near Harbor/UCLA Medical Center.

The transportation hubs also work in concert with the construction of other transit lines such as the Crenshaw-LAX rail line, which is projected to serve thousands of commuters by 2019. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas has proposed creating affordable housing, commercial and residential developments on county-owned real estate along major public transportation lines to improve the quality of life and the environment.

“Bringing public transportation hubs to communities will bring more opportunities,” said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. “Getting people to and from jobs, building affordable housing and creating good schools are essential to establishing a higher standard of living.”

The West Athens-Westmont plan will promote mobility, public safety, community revitalization, and economic development. This effort will play a major role in creating a sense of place in communities as well as an overall safe and inviting area, and hopefully, a reduction in car trips.

The Department of Regional Planning will begin holding meetings in the local community with the goal of completing the study within the next two years.

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