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RE: Inglewood Transit Connector Update – The City Proposes to Protect the Vons Site!

As part of the community engagement and planning process for the ITC Project, the City partnered with Vons to develop a plan to build a new Vons grocery store that would co-locate with a Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) needed for the Project. For over two years, the City has worked cooperatively with the Vons team to design the plan so that the Maintenance Facility and Vons could coexist.

The City Council and I understand that any construction on the Vons site would be disruptive to businesses, residents, and employees. We have identified an alternative location for the MSF building. To put it succinctly, we heard you.

To continue our commitment to the community, we have developed an improved plan to keep the VONS and the entire site as is, and instead, we propose to integrate the new facility with the Market Street Station. This plan would deliver a well-designed transit facility, would reduce construction, improve the project schedule, and minimize overall project impacts to Inglewood residents.

Summary of Project Updates

- The Project would no longer require the acquisition of the Vons market.
- The existing Vons supermarket, gas station, and neighboring retail spaces would stay in place.
- The MSF would be well-designed, fully enclosed, and thoughtfully integrated with the transit Station.
- The project would still increase public parking spaces for Market Street.
- The Project would continue to accommodate space for pedestrian-friendly transit amenities.
- There would be fewer support columns and less construction along Manchester Boulevard.
Please Join Us to Learn More!
Please join us! If you missed the open house this evening at the Senior Center, the City will host a second open house on the ITC Project on Monday, April 3 in the Community Room at Inglewood City Hall from 4:30-6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Next Steps
The City is now preparing an addendum to the Project’s certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which will be presented to the City Council on April 11th. The City is also working the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to define the review process in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Updates will be available on our project website at www.envisioninglewood.org.

Sincerely,

James T. Butts, Jr.
Mayor