

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0536

January 18, 2023

Ms. Stephanie N. Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

Thank you and your entire team at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) for your work to provide high quality, affordable, and accessible public transit for our communities. Please continue to let me know if I can be of any further assistance in supporting Metro's work as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I write today to express my strong support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) project. I also support the Sepulveda Transit Corridor for All (STC4All) coalition's request for the inclusion of a seamless connection to the Purple (D Line) Westwood Village station. The STC project would greatly increase mobility between the San Fernando Valley, the Westside, and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). This proposal would provide an environmentally friendly, cost-effective, and equitable transportation alternative for the 500,000 commuters who drive through the corridor each day.

Interstate 405 is one of the most congested freeways in the country.¹ The STC would alleviate congestion and pollution, mitigating the adverse health effects of poor air quality and supporting city, county, state, and federal officials in meeting emissions reduction goals. In addition, transportation insecurity disproportionately affects low-income and minority communities, and seniors and people with disabilities. The STC would support these populations dependent on public transportation and increase ridership by providing an equitable transit alternative.

The STC should also include a station on the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) campus that seamlessly connects to the Purple (D Line) Westwood Village station. UCLA is the third-largest employer in Los Angeles County. Over 69,000 students, faculty, and staff commute to UCLA each day, approximately 26% of whom come from the north.² A direct connection to UCLA and the Purple Line would provide Angelenos with greater access to educational, employment, and health care options, and much more. In fact, the June 2022 STC Scoping Report prepared by LA Metro concurs that the capacity, reliability, and competitiveness of the

¹ [Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project - LA Metro](#)

² [UCLA STATE OF THE COMMUTE 2021 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

STC depends on its connection to existing and planned travel lines, including the Purple Line extension.³

This proposal will deliver on the goals outlined in Metro's Vision 2028 Plan and provide long-term transportation, environmental, and economic benefits.⁴ Thank you again for your attention to, and leadership on, this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Aurelia Friedman in my district office at (323) 651-1040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted W. Lieu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted W. Lieu
Member of Congress

³ [Scoping Summary Report - June 2022](#).

⁴ [Metro Strategic Plan - LA Metro](#)