



September 16, 2024

The Honorable Lindsey Horvath, Board Member
The Honorable James Butts, Board Member
Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors
One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-3-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project with UCLA Stop & D-Line Connection

Dear Board Members Horvath and Butts:

I'm writing to inform you that on August 27, 2024, the Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously to support a Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project that includes a direct, on-campus station at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), along with a seamless connection to the Metro Purple/D-Line in Westwood Village.

For decades, commuters traveling between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside have faced unrelenting traffic and a shortage of viable transit alternatives. Current public transportation options require multiple transfers, making it less convenient and more time-consuming, which discourages ridership and pushes more people to use private vehicles when possible. This adds to the burden of congestion, worsens air quality, and undermines our efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

It is clear from Metro's ridership forecasts that the alternatives including a direct stop at UCLA and a smooth connection to the Metro Purple/D-Line will be the most successful in terms of usage. Projections indicate that a station at UCLA will become the busiest non-transfer point in Metro's network. To truly shift the public's reliance from cars to public transit, it is crucial that the Sepulveda Transit Corridor directly serve major destinations like UCLA, with minimal need for transfers. People are far more likely to use public transit when it is convenient, rapid, and direct.

Choosing an alternative that integrates an on-campus station at UCLA and provides a seamless transfer to the Purple/D-Line will help Metro achieve the full promise of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. With anticipated daily boardings nearing 120,000, this project can dramatically improve mobility across the region by offering a reliable, high-capacity transit option. A direct connection at UCLA is key to addressing the persistent congestion in one of the busiest travel corridors in the nation.

We appreciate your ongoing leadership and respectfully urge you to support an on-campus station at UCLA, paired with a seamless connection to the Metro Purple/D-Line, as the preferred alternative for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project.

Sincerely,

PHIL BROCK
Mayor