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RE: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Dear LA Metro Board Members,

Los Angeles Walks and our **Safe Street Promotores Network** write in strong support of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) Project and the priorities outlined by the **STC4All Coalition**, including a **direct, on-campus station at UCLA** and a **seamless connection to the Metro Purple (D) Line** in Westwood Village.

As a pedestrian advocacy organization grounded in the leadership of community members across Los Angeles—particularly in neighborhoods historically underserved by transit infrastructure—we urge Metro to select an alternative that **prioritizes equity, accessibility, and the needs of transit-dependent Angelenos**.

The communities we work with face the compounded challenges of unreliable transit service, long commutes, and dangerous walking conditions. Many of our Promotores and neighbors live in the San Fernando Valley and other working-class neighborhoods that lack efficient transit options to job centers on the Westside. For those without access to a personal vehicle, the current system demands multiple transfers and long travel times—barriers that **disproportionately burden low-income riders, seniors, people with disabilities, and youth**.

Metro’s own projections show that ridership will be highest for alternatives that include a direct station on the UCLA campus and a seamless transfer to the D Line. These elements are not just desirable—they are essential. A high-quality public transit system must bring people directly to the places they need to go—whether that’s school, work, medical care, or cultural and civic spaces—without unnecessary transfers or delays.

As advocates, we know that people are more likely to choose transit when it is fast, direct, safe, and affordable. By selecting an alignment that meets these criteria, Metro has the opportunity to transform one of the most congested corridors in the country into a corridor of opportunity—connecting people across communities while reducing traffic violence, emissions, and economic inequality.

We urge Metro to make decisions that reflect the real needs of the people who rely on this system every day. An STC alternative that includes an on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless D Line connection will help ensure this project delivers on its promise of **a more connected, just, and accessible Los Angeles**.



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Sincerely,

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- CC: Honorable Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 4th District
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- Honorable Fernando Dutra, Councilmember, Whittier City Council
- Honorable Lindsey Horvath, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3rd District
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- Honorable Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 1st District
- Honorable Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District
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- Honorable Ara J. Najarian, Councilmember, Glendale City Council
- Honorable James Butts, Mayor, City of Inglewood
- Honorable Tim Sandoval, Mayor, City of Pomona
- Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Appointee of the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
- Gloria Roberts, Director, Caltrans District 7
- Stephanie Wiggins, Metro, Chief Executive Officer