



November 26, 2024

Metro Board Chair Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Dear Metro Board Chair Hahn,

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) represents over 300 members including businesses, nonprofits and trade associations that are committed to advancing policies and projects that enhance Downtown Los Angeles' (DTLA) vibrancy and increase opportunity in the region. We are writing in strong support of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project alternatives and goals of the STC4All Coalition that include an on-campus station at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a seamless connection to the Metro Purple (D) Line in Westwood Village.

We urge Metro to select an alternative that maximizes equity and accessibility. On a daily basis thousands of people travel from the San Fernando Valley (and beyond) to the Westside to access UCLA for education, healthcare, cultural attractions, businesses, and jobs. In fact, UCLA is the county's fourth largest employer and the largest west of downtown Los Angeles.

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor is critical as it will provide a missing transit connection to the Westside from across the Los Angeles region. This is a project of regional significance that will benefit the San Fernando Valley, Westside and eventually the South Bay and beyond by connecting various Metro lines and regional transportation centers. The alternatives with higher ridership, each including a station on the UCLA campus, should be favored as Metro seeks to achieve the goals of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project.

Selecting an alternative that includes an on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless connection to the D Line is key to ensuring Metro can achieve all the goals of this project. The ridership projections of approximately 120,000 boardings per day for several of the alternatives demonstrate this is a project with the potential to transform our region by providing fast and reliable transportation for Angelenos and visitors. The alternatives including an on-campus station at UCLA will provide what our region desperately needs – effective and accessible public transit in one of the most congested corridors in the nation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Metro Board of Directors