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L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
500 W. Temple Street, Room 821
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Letter of Support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Dear Supervisor Horvath,

I am writing in support of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) Project alternatives that include a direct, on-campus station at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a seamless connection to the Metro Purple (D) Line in Westwood Village. As the Assemblywoman for California's 43rd Assembly District, I understand the need to increase accessibility to transportation services in the Los Angeles region, especially in the San Fernando Valley.

I urge Metro to select an alternative that maximizes equity and ensures accessibility. Commuters between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside face chronic congestion with limited transit alternatives. Current public transit options are limited to routes necessitating multiple transfers, which often results in commuters using their vehicle if they have access to one. This negatively impacts our quality of life, harms our regional economy, and limits our ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Metro's ridership projections clearly show that the alternatives with the highest use include a direct stop at the UCLA campus and a seamless connection to the D line. A UCLA station is projected to be the busiest non-transfer station in Metro's network when it opens. To motivate people to consider using public transit instead of their vehicles, the future STC needs to go directly to the destinations most people are heading while limiting transfers. Public transit is more appealing to commuters when there is no need to transfer, it is affordable, and it is fast. Selecting an alternative that includes an on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless connection to the D Line is critical to ensuring Metro can achieve all the goals of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

The ridership projections of approximately 120,000 boardings per day for several of the alternatives demonstrate that this project has 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 help provide our region with effective and accessible public transit in one of the most congested corridors in the nation.

I appreciate your consideration of this worthwhile request. If you have any inquiries, please call me at (818) 504-3911.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luz Rivas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LUZ RIVAS
Assemblywoman, 43rd District
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