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October 25, 2024

Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District
500 West Temple Street
Room 866
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Letter of Support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) Project

Good Afternoon, Honorable Holly J. Mitchell,

I write to express my support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (STC) 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, inclusivity, 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, entertainment, businesses, and jobs. In fact, UCLA is the county's fourth largest employer and the largest west of Downtown, Los Angeles. By connecting valley residents with the Westside, all Angelenos will benefit.

Commuters between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside face chronic congestion with limited transit alternatives. 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 where the overwhelming majority of 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.

The STC with an on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless connection to the D Line will enhance equity, inclusivity, accessibility, and easy travel for the transit dependent. The STC Project will also provide an effective alternative to driving in our region, reducing traffic congestion on our roads, mitigating greenhouse gases, and improving our region's air quality for all Angelenos.

I look forward to seeing the positive impact this project will have on my State Senate District.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Lola Smallwood-Cuevas
Senator
California State Legislature

CC: Honorable Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
 Honorable Los Angeles County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, 4th District
 Honorable Los Angeles County Supervisor, Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District
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