



January 7, 2025

Honorable Janice Hahn
Chair, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA

RE: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Dear Chair Janice Hahn,

Move LA is writing to express our strong support for 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.

A Sepulveda Transit Corridor with an on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless connection to the D Line will not only enhance equity and accessibility for the transit-dependent but also provide an effective alternative to driving in our region. It will reduce traffic congestion on our roads, mitigate greenhouse gases, and improve the air quality of all Angelenos.

We also urge Metro to accelerate the choice of a Locally Preferred Alternative and prime contractor so that construction can begin. Metro should make a strong case to USDOT that the project's CEQA certification should fulfill NEPA requirements to be eligible for Federal funding.

Finally, cost matters, but cost per rider is an important metric for measuring this project. Reducing costs for riders and generating more revenue in the long term creates expanded opportunities for Metro and more connections for its customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Lipmen', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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