



July 31, 2024

Honorable Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky
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RE: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Dear Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky,

The Westwood Village Improvement Association (WVIA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to make Westwood Village a clean, safe, and friendly place for the community through maintenance, security, and enlivening programs. Westwood Village is a popular destination that is visited by thousands daily. Keeping the district beautiful is a priority of the WVIA, and we take on projects that enhance the quality of life in our district. Maintaining a beautiful district also includes lighting and trimming trees, maintaining the landscaping, and keeping our sidewalks clean.

This beautiful, pedestrian-friendly district enjoys significant foot traffic throughout the day and serves a local residential population of over 200,000 people living within a three-mile radius, plus thousands of people on the UCLA campus and working in Class A office buildings on Wilshire Boulevard. Improving how people access our district is a priority. The WVIA appreciates the ongoing working relationship developed over the past 15 years with Metro, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Council District 5, the Mayor's Office, and the LA County Board of Supervisors 3rd District.

The WVIA is writing to express our strong support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project alternatives 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 it 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.

Sincerely,



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