

Westside Young Democrats

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Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
500 W. Temple Street
Room 821
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Sepulveda Transit Corridor & Heavy Rail Options-SUPPORT

Dear Supervisor Horvath,

The Westside Young Democrats wish to express our enthusiastic support for the Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, in particular heavy rail alternatives 4, 5, or 6. It is vitally important that Metro selects the alternatives that would provide a stop at the UCLA campus, as well as providing the highest possible capacity and a direct connection with Metro D line, considering the Sepulveda Corridor is one of the most heavily traveled in the nation. The Sepulveda Transit Corridor would be a truly transformational rail line that would benefit not just the Westside and the San Fernando Valley, but our entire region for multiple generations.

The Westside Young Democrats is an organization focused on improving the quality of life for the young, working and middle class, and those most vulnerable among us in Los Angeles County by advocating for increased opportunities for affordable housing, economic development, and improving options for transportation alternatives to driving. The Sepulveda Transit Corridor, options 4, 5, and, 6 in particular, sit perfectly within the nexus of these goals.

Metro's own data strongly supports the fact that the heavy rail alternatives would support up to 121,600 daily riders, contrast with the monorail alternatives projected 86,000. Moreover, a UCLA stop is projected to be the single busiest transit stop in the Metro network. It is estimated that 26% of all UCLA commuters travel from the San Fernando Valley daily. A significant number of these commuters include first-generation students, students from low income backgrounds, and students receiving need-based financial assistance. Additionally, many low and moderate income workers commute from the San Fernando Valley to jobs on the Westside and many other areas of Los Angeles, some of which are served by the Metro

D line. Due to the present circumstances surrounding housing affordability in our region, many of the people described here cannot afford to live in Westwood near their school, or elsewhere on the Westside close to where they work. Students and workers spend a significant amount of time commuting between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside in dense traffic along the 405, or on significantly long bus rides. The heavy rail options will not only move the most people, they'll also move them the fastest with an estimated less than 30 minute ride between the Valley and the Westside. The choice not only to move forward with the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, but choosing one of the heavy rail alternatives should be abundantly clear. We strongly urge the Metro board adopt the Sepulveda Transit Corridor with options 4, 5, or 6.

Respectfully Submitted,



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