



February 4, 2022

Subject: VICA SUPPORTS Alternatives 3, 5 & 6 of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor

Dear Metro Board Member,

The Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) has been a long-standing supporter of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, and after considering all 6 options, we are in strong support of alternatives 3, 5, and 6.

VICA is proud to represent over 350 businesses and every community within the San Fernando Valley region, and we are strong advocates for transportation projects that improve the Valley's connectivity with the rest of the Los Angeles region. We believe that the Sepulveda Transit Corridor will provide high-quality transit options that effectively service the growing travel demand between the housing and major employment sectors of the San Fernando Valley and Westside.

Specifically, VICA has chosen to support alignments 3, 5, and 6. One critical reason for this support is because of these options' inclusion of an on-campus station at UCLA. Direct access to the campus is critical to the university, the 2028 Olympics, and the financial viability of the corridor's operations. VICA would also like to clarify that while we are members of a coalition to support all options with a connection to UCLA, we are only in support of options 3, 5, and 6, as alternative 4 has unresolved equity issues between the Westside and the Valley.

Overall, for a transit system to be a competitive travel option that attracts new ridership, it needs to increase speed, frequency, capacity, and reliability, while providing convenient connections to existing and planned transit lines. VICA believes that options 3, 5, and 6 do just that, and we ask for your support of these Sepulveda Transit Corridor alignments.

Sincerely,

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VICA Chair

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