



WESTSIDE SUBWAY EXTENSION

Public Participation & Community Outreach Report Appendix A – Scoping Report Part 5



August 2010

Sirisut, Dianne

From: Allen, Aaron O SPL [Aaron.O.Allen@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Sirisut, Dianne
Subject: RE: Los Angeles Metro Westside Subway Extension Project

To: Diane Sirsut

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Los Angeles District) has received the information concerning the proposed LA Metro Westside Subway Extension project and acknowledge that the proposed project could impact a reach of the Los Angeles River. The information has been forwarded to our Asset Management and Engineering Divisions as well as Regulatory Division for review and, if necessary, comments. Please continue to forward information for this project to the Corps of Engineers as any alternative that would impact the Los Angeles River would require review and approval by the Corps.

Thank you,
Aaron O. Allen, Ph.D.
Chief, North Coast Branch
Regulatory Division

-----Original Message-----

From: Sirisut, Dianne [mailto:SIRISUTD@metro.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 4:39 PM
To: Allen, Aaron O SPL
Cc: Martin, Roger
Subject: Los Angeles Metro Westside Subway Extension Project

Dear Mr. Allen:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is proposing to extend the Metro Rail heavy rail technology from the current terminus of the Metro Purple Line at the Wilshire/Western station and a combined alternative that would extend the Metro Red Line at the Hollywood/Highland station to downtown Santa Monica. There is discussion that the heavy rail project may come into interference with the Los Angeles river, therefore Metro would like to re-extend the invitation to have the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering be a participating agency for the Draft EIR/EIS document Westside Subway Extension project.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Dianne Sirisut

Westside Area Team
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Los Angeles, CA 90012
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ROUTE SLIP FROM OFFICE OF THE CEO

Date: 4-16-09

LEAD TO BLIND COPY ALL STAFF ON THE FYI LIST.

PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS ROUTING SLIP WITH YOUR FINAL RESPONSE OR DRAFT.

Reply direct to correspondent under your department's signature by _____.

If Board Members are copied on the original letter, provide them with a copy of the response..

Draft reply for CEO's approval and signature by _____.

If Board Members are copied on the original letter, add them to the cc list.

Subject: Thomas H. Magness - acceptance for westside Environmental per. Process

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Thanks, Diana Estrada x22161



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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P.O. BOX 532711
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90053-2325

Reply to the
Attention of:

April 10, 2009

District Commander

Mr. Roger Snoble
Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Snoble:

Thank you for your letters, dated March 24, 2009, inviting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to be a participating agency and a cooperating agency in the environmental review process for the Westside Extension Project.

In January 2009, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) completed an Alternatives Analysis Study for the project. As a result, two alignment alternatives, a no build alternative, and a transportation systems management (TSM) alternative, were recommended for further study. As federal lead agency, the FTA, in cooperation with the LACMTA, is currently initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed project.

The proposed alignment alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS/EIR would traverse the footprints of two Corps flood control projects within the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project. As a result, the proposed alignment alternatives may require approval by the Corps. Specifically, Corps approval would be required for (1) proposed alterations to the flood control systems and (2) impacts to waters of the United States.

Any proposed alterations to the existing flood control projects would require Corps review and approval in accordance with either 33 CFR 208 or 33 USC 408. Review under section 208 would apply to alterations that would not adversely affect the functioning of the flood control project and flood fighting activities. Review under section 408 would apply to any significant alteration or modification to a flood control project. Section 408 requires that, before allowing any alteration, occupation or use of a flood control project, the Corps must determine that such use will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the flood control project for its intended purpose. Please refer to the enclosed documents for additional information. The Corps' section 208 or section 408 review would occur in addition to any review requirements of the agency responsible for operation and maintenance of the flood control projects.

The second approval potentially required for the proposed project is a Clean Water Act section 404 permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material into, including any redeposit of dredged material within, "waters of the United States" and adjacent wetlands. Please note that the final decision on a section 208 request or a section 408 request would precede the final decision on a section 404 permit.

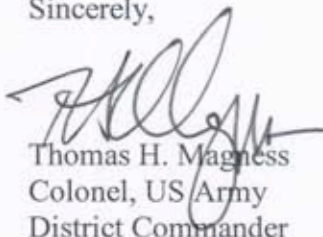
Due to the approvals potentially required by the Corps, the FTA requests that the Corps become a cooperating agency and a participating agency in the development of the project in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality "Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)" and section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The cooperating agency and participating agency processes are designed to aid in identifying all reasonable project alternatives, environmental impacts, and measures to mitigate adverse impacts. The Corps, as well, would like to ensure that this project progresses in a mutually acceptable way in order to streamline the eventual application process with our agency. In evaluating our level of involvement in any project, we strive to ensure our participation is commensurate with the amount of impacts and the quality of impacted waters within our jurisdiction.

From our preliminary review, it appears that the existing flood control projects occur at relatively shallow locations in comparison to a subway system. Due to the limited depth of the flood control projects, the Corps anticipates that the proposed project would be designed to avoid impacts on the flood control projects. In addition, the existing flood control projects retain very limited aquatic habitat functions. Considering these factors, we decline to become a cooperating agency in the development of the EIS/EIR. However, as our jurisdiction over the proposed project has yet to be determined, we accept your offer to become a participating agency in the environmental review process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (213) 452-3961, or your staff can contact Ms. Phuong H. Trinh of our Regulatory Division at (213) 452-3372.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Magness
Colonel, US Army
District Commander

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
11301 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90073

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June 8, 2009

In Reply Refer To: 691/00

Mr. Arthur Leahy
Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Bakersfield Community
Based Outpatient Clinic
1801 Westwind Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 632-1800

Dear Mr. Leahy:

Los Angeles Ambulatory
Care Center
351 E. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 253-2677

I am writing on behalf of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) to express support for a subway stop that will serve GLA's Veterans and the employees of the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center (WLA).

Santa Barbara Community
Based Outpatient Clinic
4440 Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 683-1491

GLA is the largest integrated healthcare system in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA), consisting of one (1) Tertiary Care Hospital (Medical Center), three (3) Ambulatory Care Centers, and nine (9) Community-Based Outpatient Clinics. Together, they total 945 beds, more than 5,000 employees, and an annual operating budget of \$608 million. There are approximately 530,000 Veterans living in the GLA catchment area. During Fiscal Year 2008, GLA treated 78,000 Veterans, with 1.1 million outpatient visits. GLA's mission is to Honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. Access is one of our six focus domains of value, and providing improved public transportation would enhance access to Veterans and employees alike.

Sepulveda Ambulatory Care
Center and Nursing Home
16111 Plummer Street
North Hills, CA 91343
(818) 891-7711

West Los Angeles
Healthcare Center
11301 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90073
(310) 478-3711

WLA houses acute inpatient and ambulatory care services, long-term care programs, domiciliary, research and administrative program plus homeless programs run by community partners. The California State Veterans Home is also located on the WLA campus and will operate 396 beds and employ 500 State employees. GLA is affiliated with more than 45 colleges, universities and vocational schools in 17 different medical, nursing, paramedical and administrative programs, including the UCLA and USC Schools of Medicine. In all, more than 850 students and trainees rotate to the WLA site each year.

The transportation infrastructure available to our Veterans and employees, many of whom travel from the outlying counties, is

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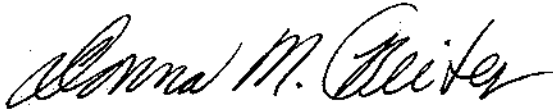
Mr. Arthur Leahy

currently insufficient in terms of ease and access. Maintaining access to WLA, and the services it provides, is critical to GLA's mission of providing excellent care to Veterans. However, with the projected growth in the Los Angeles population, access to WLA is only going to become more of a challenge.

GLA supports the proposed subway extension and will be happy to work with MTA staff to study the use of the WLA campus for a subway station, and to incorporate potential plans into GLA's master planning process.

GLA urges you to move this project forward, keeping Los Angeles area Veterans in mind in the planning process. Should you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Katherine Steinberg, Strategic/Facility Planner, at (310) 478-3711, extension 42345.

Sincerely,



Donna M. Beiter, R.N., M.S.N.
Director

cc: Mr. Ronald B. Norby, Network Director
Representative Henry Waxman
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Senator Diane Feinstein
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Ms. Jody Feerst Litvak

Agency Response from Scoping Comment Period as of 5/22/09

Comment ID #	Creation Date	First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Name of Agency/Organization	Address	Telephone	Email	Submission Method	Submission Date
1	3/31/09	LaShavio	Johnson	Historic Preservation Technician	Advisory Council of Historic Preservation	1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 803, Washington DC 20004	202-606-8552	bsemmer@achp.gov	Postal Mail	04/13/09
2	3/31/09	Jonathan	Hutchison	Director, Government Affairs - West	Amtrak		510-238-2671	hutchij@amtrak.com	Email	03/31/09
3					Amtrak					
4	5/7/09	Fran	Pavley	Senator	California State Senate District 23	2716 Ocean Park Blvd., Ste 3088, Santa Monica, CA	310-314-5214		Postal Mail	05/07/09
5	5/11/09	Elmer	Alvarez	Senior Transportation Planner	Caltrans, District 7 - Division of Planning	100 S. Main Street, MS 16, Los Angeles, CA 90012	213-897-6696, 213-792-0388 (cell)	elmer_alvarez@dot.ca.gov	Postal Mail	05/14/09
6	5/5/09	Damrath	Garrett	Senior Environmental Planner	Caltrans-Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency	100 South Main Street, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3603	213-897-96016		Postal Mail	05/05/09
7	5/6/09	Roderick J.	Wood	City Manager	City of Beverly Hills	455 N. Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210	310-285-1013		Email	05/06/09
8	5/7/09	Gail	Goldberg	Director	City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning	200 N. Spring St., Rm 525, Los Angeles, CA 90012	213-978-1271		Email	05/07/09
9	5/7/09	Michael A.	Shull	Superintendent	City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks	221 N. Figueroa St., Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90012	213-202-2681		Postal Mail	5/13/09
10					City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks					
11	5/7/09	Kang	Hu	Senior Transportation Engineer	City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation	100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012	213-972-8410	kang.hu@lacity.org	Email	05/07/09
12	4/27/09	Michael	Brown	Division Manager	City of Los Angeles, Street Improvement and Stormwater Division	1149 S. Broadway, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90015			Postal Mail	04/29/09
13	5/13/09	Paul	Arevalo	City Manager	City of West Hollywood	8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069	323-848-6460		Email	05/13/09
14	5/1/09	Minh-Ha	Nguyen	Assistant Director	Community & Senior Services	3333 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90010	213-738-2645	mnguyen@css.lacounty.gov	Email	05/07/09
15	4/8/09	Paul	Frost	Associate Oil & Gas Engineer	Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources	5816 Corporate Ave., Suite 200, Cypress, CA 90630	714-816-6847		Postal Mail	04/10/09
16	4/15/09	James F.	Devine	Senior Advisor for Science Applications	Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey	U.S. Geological Survey, MS 423, Reston, VA 20192	703-648-4423		Email	05/07/09
17	4/10/09	Richard D.	Thorpe	Chief Executive Officer	Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority	707 Wilshire Boulevard, 34th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017	213-243-5500		Letter	04/10/09

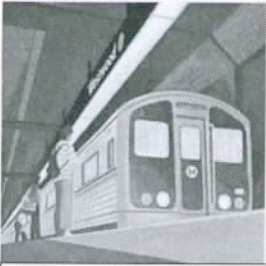
18	3/31/09	Donna M.	Meyer	Deputy Environmental Officer	FEMA - RIX			fema-rix-ehp-documents@dhs.gov	Email	03/31/09
19	3/31/09	Alessandro	Amaglio	Environmental Officer	FEMA, U.S. Department of Homeland Security	1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, CA 94607	510-627-7284	fema-rix-ehp-documents@dhs.gov	Postal Mail	04/06/09
20	5/7/09	Glenn	Striegler	Environmental Assessment Coordinator	LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety	333 South Beaudry Ave, 20th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017	213-241-2199	glenn.striegler@lausd.net	Email	05/07/09
21	4/1/09	Anthony	Curzi	Regional Planning Assistant	Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning	320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012	213-974-6461	acurzi@planning.lacounty.gov	Email	04/01/09
22	4/20/09	Jon	Umeda		Los Angeles County Fire Department	1320 N. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063		jumeda@fire.lacounty.gov	Online	04/20/09
23	4/21/09	Karen	Jones	Manager, Sector III	Los Angeles County Fire Department		323-881-2461	kjones@fire.lacounty.gov	Email	04/21/09
24					Los Angeles County Fire Department					
25	3/25/09	Katie	Tinney	Director of Scheduling	Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger	Office of the Governor, Sacramento, CA 95814	916-445-2841		Postal Mail	
26	4/14/09	Jacoline	Ward		Santa Monica Big Blue Bus			jacoline.ward@smgov.net	Email	04/14/09
27	4/29/09	Naresh	Amatya	Manager	Southern California Association of Governments	818 7th Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017	213-2361800		Email	05/05/09
28	4/15/09	Steve	Lantz	Director, Communications and Development	Southern California Regional Rail Authority			lantz@scrra.net	Email	04/15/09
29	5/14/09	Dr. Aaron O.	Allen	Chief, North Coast Branch	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division			aaron.o.allen@usace.army.mil	Email	05/14/09
30	4/13/09	Pat	Currey	Senior Real Estate Officer	U.S. Department of General Services Administration (GSA)	707 Third Street, 6th Floor, MS 101, West Sacramento, CA 95605	916-376-1791	palmer.currey@dgs.ca.gov	Email	04/13/09
31	5/12/09	William A.	Stricklin	Asset Manager	U.S. Department of General Services Administration (GSA)	450 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102	415-271-0353 (GSA cell)	william.stricklin@gsa.gov	Email	05/12/09
32	5/1/09	Mary M.	Filippini	Acting Regional Commissioner	U.S. Department of General Services Administration (GSA)	450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102			Email	05/07/09
33	3/27/09	Emroy M.	Lee	Acting Regional Director	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	90 - 7th Street, Suite 5-100, San Francisco, CA 94103	415-437-8500	emory.lee@hhs.gov	Email	03/27/09
34	3/30/09	Renee	Fortier	Director	UCLA Transportation	555 Westwood Plaza, Suite 100, Box 951360, Los Angeles, CA 90095	310-206-6317	rfortier@ts.ucla.edu	Email	03/30/09

35	4/30/09	Renee	Fortier	Director	UCLA Transportation	555 Westwood Plaza, Suite 100, Box 951360, Los Angeles, CA 90095	310-206-6317	rfortier@ts.ucla.edu	Postal Mail	05/07/09
36	6/8/09	Donna	Beiter	Director	U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs	11301 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90073	310-478-3711		Postal Mail	06/08/09
37	4/10/09	Thomas	Magness	US Army District Commander	U.S. Department of the Army	PO Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053	213-452-3961		Postal Mail	06/19/09

Participation Request	Submission Notes	Suggested Contact (First Name)	Suggested Contact (Last Name)	Job Title	Phone	Email
No	Comply with Section 106. ACHP would like to reserve right to participate in EIS/EIR process. Recommends contacting SHPO (State) and THPO (Indian tribes)	Blythe	Semmer		202-606-8552	bsemmer@achp.gov
Yes	The email responses states no participation requested, but after a followup phone call Amtrack has accepted invitation request to be a participating agency. Focus on congestion term growth. LOS today not reflective of the demand.	Harry	Steelman	Division Engineer		
	(Alternate Contact)	Joe	Yannuzzi	General Superintendent		
n/a	Would like Alt 1 with the money we have now and Alt 11 if the money becomes available. Recommends stations at Cedars-Sinai/Beverly Center and UCLA and all the way to Santa Monica. Its important for Santa Monica residents who need to get to UCLA and other destinations. Offers to help if there is anything she can do.	Fran	Pavley	Senator	310-314-5214	
n/a	Metro will need to coordinate planning of the subway project beneath the I-405. A cooperative agreement will be needed for the planning, design and construction of the subway beneath the I-405. Oversize vehicles will need a	Elmer	Alvarez	Senior Transportation Planner	213-897-6696, 213-792-0388 (cell)	elmer_alvarez@dot.ca.gov
Yes	Interested in a participating/cooperating agency role	Brian	Manor		213-897-0704	
Yes	Identified concerns and issues about separate construction time frames, and listed various potential construction impacts (i.e. staggging, traffic, resident and business impacts) to be included in Draft EIS/EIR	Roderick J.	Wood	City Manager	310-285-1013	
n/a	Collaborate with City of LA Planning staff to refine station locations to ensure transit-supportive land use policies. Various comments on specific stations in regards to station location, design, access issues, pedestrian accessibility.	Gail	Goldberg	Director	213-978-1271	
Yes	Accepts the invitation to be a participating agency	Melinda	Gejer	Planning Associate	213-202-2656	
	(Alternate Contact)	Camilia D.	Walls	City Planner	213-202-2678	
Yes	Use CMA methodology for the traffic counts. Identified an additional 23 intersections	Susan	Bok	Supervising Transportation Planner	213-972-8623	susan.bok@lacity.org
Yes	Comply with BOE Standard Plans Designs within the City of Los Angeles districts (i.e. Right-of-way shall, Design Manuals, Special Provisions, dedication requirements, etc.). Asked Metro to include the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering in EIS/EIR review.	Curtis	Tran		213-485-4505	
Yes	Accepts the invitation to be a participating agency. Prefers Alt.11	Paul	Arevalo	City Manager	323-848-6460	
n/a	Fully supports the project. Remember to consider senior usage (i.e. senior safety, especially during evening hours)	Minh-Ha	Nguyen	Assistant Director	213-738-2645	mnguyen@css.lacounty.gov
n/a	According to Section 3106 of Public Resources Code, Department of Conservation is to supervise the drilling, operation, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of wells.	Paul	Frost	Associate Oil & Gas Engineer	714-816-6847	
No	No jurisdiction or authority. However, for information concerning the natural resources of the project contact Eric Reichard, Acting Director of the USGS California Water Center in Sacramento, at (916) 225-6134	James F.	Devine	Senior Advisor for Science Applications	703-648-4423	
Yes	Accepts invitation to be a participating agency	Monica	Born	Project Director	213-243-5527	mborn@exporail.net

No	Declined invitation to be a participating agency	Donna M.	Meyer	Deputy Environmental Officer		fema-rix-ehp-documents@dhs.gov
No	FEMA does not have jurisdiction but wants to review the Draft EIS/EIR. Try contacting National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and County's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.	Alessandro	Amaglio	Environmental Officer	510-627-7284	fema-rix-ehp-documents@dhs.gov
n/a	Identified errors on the two alternatives map. Provided alternative maps including LAUSD schools	Glenn	Striegler	Environmental Assessment Coordinator	213-241-2199	glenn.striegler@lausd.net
Yes	Accepts invitation to be a participating agency	Paul	McCarthy	Supervising Regional Planner		
n/a	Prefers Wilshire Subway Alternative, because the Wilshire/West Hollywood Subway Alternative will effect routing, response time, construction cuts off water, and rail transit is believed to increase 100-200 more people congregating at stations. Specifically effecting Fire Stations 7 and 8 (in City of WeHo).	Jon	Umeda			jumeda@fire.lacounty.gov
Yes	Accepts invitation to be a participating agency	Jim	Enriquez	Battalion Chief	626-369-0895	
	(Alternate Contact)	Marcos	Espiritu	Captain	323-724-3188	
n/a	Send requests in at least 30 days prior to your request date or timeframe to be considered	Katie	Tinney	Director of Scheduling	916-445-2841	
Yes	Responded on behalf of Stephanie Negriff. Accepts invitation to be a participating agency	Paul	Casey	Senior Transit Programs Analyst		
Yes	Accepts invitation to be a participating agency	Matt	Gleason	Transit Planner		
Yes	Accepts invitation to be a participating agency	Steve	Lantz	Director, Communications and Development		lantz@scrra.net
n/a	Status of invitation to accept or decline request to be a participating agency is still under review. Until then USACE has requested to stay informed	Dr. Aaron O.	Allen	Chief, North Coast Branch		aaron.o.allen@usace.army.mil
n/a	Request to stay informed					
Yes	Accepts the invitation to be a participating agency via telephone conversation with Roger Martin	William A.	Stricklin	Asset Manager	415-271-0353 (GSA cell)	william.stricklin@gsa.gov
Yes	Accepts invitation to be a participating agency. For further review contact Bill Stricklin (Refer to line 27)					
No	No jurisdiction or authority	Emroy M.	Lee	Acting Regional Director	415-437-8500	emory.lee@hhs.gov
Yes	Accepts invitation to be a participating agency	Renee	Fortier	Director	310-206-6317	rfortier@ts.ucla.edu

n/a	Include a Westwood/UCLA station in the first phase. Imperative to enable the University to continue exceling in its teaching and research, as well as the entire LA region and commuters.	Renee	Fortier	Director	310-206-6317	rfortier@ts.ucla.edu
n/a	Supports project and is interested in discussing a station at the VA facility	Katherine	Steinberg	Strategic/Facility Planner	310-478-3711, ext. 42345	
Yes	Accepts the invitation to be a participating agency and cooperating agency	Phuong	Trnih	Regulatory Division	213-452-3372	



WRITTEN COMMENT FORM

FORMULARIO PARA COMENTARIOS

Name/Nombre: <u>ROBERT MEINERT</u>	
Organization/ Organización:	
Address/Dirección:	
Telephone/Teléfono: <u>626 340 5109</u>	Fax:
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- Meeting Venue: LACMA West Hollywood Beverly Hills
 Westwood Wilshire UMC Santa Monica

Comments/Comentarios:

THE MOST EXPEDIENT SERVICE IS TO HAVE DIRECT WILSHIRE
LINE AND THEN A COUNTERCLOCK WIZE ROUTE. A STATION
ON THE WESTWOOD-UCLA CAMPUS AND IN CENTURY CITY
ON SANTA MONICA BLVD. MAKE AN EASEMENT, TUNNEL CUT FOR
A FUTURE WEST HOLLYWOOD LINE.



Return comment form to (*Favor de regresar formulario a*):
 David Mieger, Project Manager, Metro, One Gateway Plaza MS 99-22-5, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Metro

Subway EIS, Which Future is Better?

The Metro scoping process has begun. This is one transportation line that can have a major change on how the entire LA Basin operates. Choosing the four and one half miles in the Wilshire corridor as the line for the subway extension has impacts most people have not considered. That would include Metro's planners. It is a case of unintended consequences brought about in their zeal to find enough existing ridership to validate a Wilshire corridor subway but without looking into the future to see what the consequences are. The consequences are horrendous.

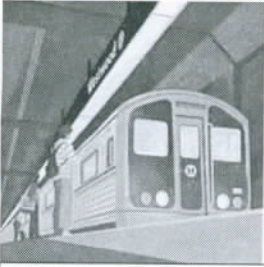
To date there are just two "build alternatives" that Metro and their consultants are programmed to study. Both of the "build alternatives", as it now stands, involve the Wilshire corridor thereby guaranteeing its choice if a subway extension were to be built. This article is about adding a third "build alternative" which would be a stand alone subway extension from the existing Hollywood and Vine station westerly in the Santa Monica Boulevard corridor to Beverly Hills and beyond. This third "build alternative" avoids the major impacts to the entire LA Basin referred to above. It is necessary to have the third alternative in order to flush out the existing bias and to avoid the impacts that effect existing and future land use and traffic.

Before a cubic yard of soil is turned the land use change would begin. It would only take a favorable choice for a Wilshire subway extension and developers would begin increased development and the increased vehicular traffic follows right behind it. This will be a new era of development given SB 375 anti sprawl law. The need to plan transportation and land use together increasing population density connected to employment centers brings a great deal of development in town. The LA Basin will be in an era of consolidation with construction that has never been experienced before in the Basin. An increase of between 150,000 and 180,000 new dwelling units would be expected in the next twenty-five years in the Basin in addition with major expansion in commercial, institutional, entertainment and other support activities. The question is where should all this new activity occur?

To begin with a subway line also needs major vehicular capacity like a freeway or a Flow Boulevard to serve the commercial growth that is to be served. The longer the line of high density regional commercial and supporting activities the greater the travel demand along the corridor. A Flow Boulevard along Wilshire and Sixth Street can extend from Downtown west to La Cienega. Then the traffic trouble begins. You can consider that a Flow Boulevard could continue using Wilshire and Burton Way as the basic one-way pair but that brings unacceptable land use impact to everything between Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards. This would all culminate in an epic bottleneck Cecil B. De Mille could not have conceived. The bottleneck would persist yet a bypass would need to be made in the Pico-Olympic corridor to go further west. Now commuter traffic seeking regional employment centers has been induced into established residential communities from Western Ave to beyond the 405.

Regarding the needed new housing and dense neighborhoods; they should be put in areas where renewal is needed. Beginning in West Hollywood going east through Hollywood, on through East Hollywood and adjacent to Downtown, that entire corridor needs new communities, neighborhoods and housing. That corridor has the major travel demand for the north side of the Basin. It is Route 2, the deleted Beverly Hills Freeway but can become a Flow Boulevard from the 5 Freeway to the 405 and be the new community activity spine and vehicular back bone with the subway extension going west from Hollywood to the 405. Transportation and land use would work together as it should. FlowBoulevardPlan.com

Contact; email Phil Brown at PJBarch@DSLextreme.com . Since these planning issues are often complex it is possible for groups to arrange for a PowerPoint presentation and discussion. Remember, Metro needs the input by citizens to get it right.



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EITHER ALTERNATIVE #1 (WILSHIRE ~~CORNER~~ BLVD. ONLY) OR ALTERNATIVE #2 (WILSHIRE BLVD. AND WEST HOLLYWOOD) WOULD GREATLY IMPACT ~~THE~~ AND REDUCE COMMUTING TIME BETWEEN DOWNTOWN TO THE WESTSIDE. I WOULD LEAN TOWARDS ALTERNATIVE #2 AS SUPPOSE TO ALTERNATIVE #1 BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF BUSINESSES, ATTRACTIONS AND RESIDENCE THAT ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE HOLLYWOOD AND MID-WILSHIRE AREA.

LINKING CENTURY CITY, B.H. AND SANTA MONICA TO HOLLYWOOD AND DOWNTOWN WILL ~~BE BENEFICIAL~~ DRAMATICALLY EASE THE EAST TO WEST COMMUTE BUT WILL ALSO EASE THE NORTH TO SOUTH COMMUTE IN CENTRAL AND WEST LOS ANGELES.

AS A PERSON WHO ~~DOES NOT DRIVE~~ HAS VISION IMPAIRMENTS, THE SUBWAY SYSTEM WILL GREATLY HELP THOSE W/ DISABILITIES AND THOSE WHO CANNOT DRIVE.

LOS ANGELES NEEDS TO CATCH UP W/ INTERNATIONAL CITIES THAT HAVE ~~PRO~~ BUILT VAST SUBWAY SYSTEMS / TRAIN SYSTEMS THAT ALLOWS EFFICIENCY IN COMMUTE AND PRODUCTIVITY. BUENOS AIRES AND MANILA WHICH ARE RELATIVELY THE SAME SIZE AS LOS ANGELES. WILL OR HAVE EXCEEDED SUBWAY DEVELOPMENT BY

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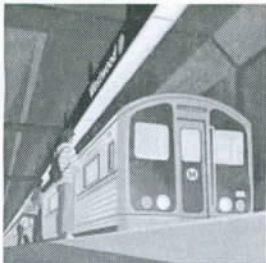
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WE ARE FAR BEHIND IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA OF SUBWAY DEVELOPMENT - TO COMMUTING EFFICIENCY!



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You need 50% Federal
 Funding. US Transportation Secretary
 Ray LaHood stated in N.Y. Times The
 "OBAMA Administration's No. 1 Priority
 is High Speed Rail." Read it and
 weep!
 It is impossible to tunnel through the
 LA Area Tar Pits.
 We favor NO build Alternatives.

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Comments/Comentarios:

— NO Parking in Weho stations! Help us keep/make city pedestrian oriented

— Locate West Weho station(s) at or closer to San Vicente. La Cienega/Santa Monica is NOT a pedestrian friendly location and is unappealing destination/origin. La Cienega or slightly east of La Cienega would be good for additional station. If only 1 station, locate near MTA bus yard on Santa Monica Blvd.

— Please build BOTH stations... makes century city to Hollywood segment highly useful!!!

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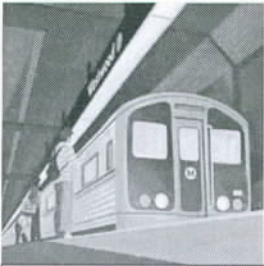
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- can you put a station at sunset & La Cienega instead of Santa Monica & La Cienega?

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We are particularly interested in planning considerations related to the connection to the Highland Station. ^{Alt #11} We would like to see the study review/consider not only 'cut + cover' but also tunneling without 'cut + cover' but connecting into the existing station at Highland. This might possibly reduce some costs as well as reduced construction impact at the busy intersection of Hollywood + Highland. We applaud METRO for including Alternative 11 in the planning process.

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For the record, written public comment , in scoping meeting
April 14, 2009 ,West Hollywood, Ca.

Please YES for Subway Extension

Metro Red Line via Santa Monica Blvd.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gem Cetindis', written in a cursive style.