

August 12, 2025

From: Richard Stanger, Chair
Parking, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (PTIC)

To: Brian Averill, President
Venice Neighborhood Council

Subject: Motions Adopted by PTIC at its August 12, 2025, Meeting

The Parking, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved these two motions for concurrence (?) by the VNC.

1. Motion in Support of Westside Regional Alliance of Council's (WRAC's) Position on the MTA's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Whereas Metro is planning a rail transit project from the Expo Line north to the San Fernando Valley called the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC); and

Whereas, while the STC project will not be physically located in Venice, it will offer Venice stakeholders a north-south rail line from the Westside through the Sepulveda Pass, including stops on the UCLA and VA campuses, and connections to other transit routes current and planned; and

Whereas Metro has released its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the STC Project and will be deciding soon on both the rail mode (monorail vs heavy rail) and the exact project alignment among the five studied alternatives; and

Whereas the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils' (WRAC) Mobility and Transportation Committee (MTC), with participation of the VNC's representative, has studied the STC Project's rail modes and determined that the heavy rail option is the best choice based on its higher rider capacities, faster speeds, and shorter travel times; and

Whereas the Board of WRAC has passed the MTC's motion supporting the heavy rail mode in hope of building a coalition of at least eight member Councils to make this the official WRAC position on the DEIR by the August 30, 2025 deadline; and

Whereas in August 2021, WRAC adopted a position¹ supporting an on-campus station at UCLA, and a direct and seamless connection to the Wilshire heavy rail Line subway station at Wilshire and Westwood Boulevards;

¹ All the above-mentioned alternatives are described in detail in the DEIR for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, released by Metro on June 2, 2025, which can be found at: <https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/>

Therefore:

The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, supports the proposed underground heavy rail mode through the Sepulveda Pass, described in the DEIR as Alternatives 4, 5 and 6², because that mode will carry significantly more passengers with higher rider capacities, faster speeds, and shorter travel times than the proposed monorail mode.

2. Motion to City in Support of Neighborhood-Requested Harbor-Bryan Drainage Project

Due to the on-going chronic drainage problem faced by the neighbors around the intersection of Bryan Avenue and Harbor Street, the VNC requests that the City Public Works Department take positive steps to study, finance and physically correct the problem in the 2026-27 budget cycle.

I have attached the PTIC background memo on the Harbor-Bryan Drainage Project. I have also attached a PDF showing the various Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project alternatives' alignments, performance and costs.

² <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-station-at-the-ucla-campus-for-metros-sepulveda-pass-corridor-project/>