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Proposed by Steve Sann / MTC on July 07, 2025 Passage deadline: October 2025

Passed by

- North Westwood Neighborhood Council (modified version)
- South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
- West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council (modified version)
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westwood Community Council
- Westwood Neighborhood Council (modified version)

Motion

"The _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) opposes the two proposed Monorail Options (Alternative 1 and Alternative 3) due to their significantly lower ridership projections and lower capacities, and their significantly slower speeds and longer travel times, and supports the proposed underground Heavy Rail subway mode of transportation through the Sepulveda Pass because it will carry significantly more passengers than the proposed Monorail mode of transportation. The Heavy Rail mode of transportation is described in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, released by Metro on June 2, 2025, in the discussion of Alternatives 4, 5 and 6."

Background

This motion refers to: https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/.

Background Information (includes slides shown by Steve Sann, WWC Chair, at the 7/7/25 Board meeting)

Jason Plummer (SORONC) also provided slides with data about the transportation modes at the 7/7/25 Board meeting, which can be accessed HERE.

IMPORTANT: the deadline for comment on the DEIR is **August 30, 2025.** Member Councils are urged to take up the motion ASAP, in sufficient time for WRAC to submit a position letter prior to August 30th (if a majority of WRAC Councils approve the motion or a modified version in keeping with its spirit — as further noted below).

Contact Steve Sann or MTC Chair Selena Inouye with any questions.

The following are additional notes from the motion sponsor Steve Sann:

"What is essential is that every WRAC member Council that adopts this motion must include the language above that expressly opposes the two proposed Monorail Options (Alternatives 1 and 3).

"Note: Monorail Alternative 1 already fails WRAC's previously (and unanimously) adopted Motion on STCP, which calls for the STCP to include: (1.) An on-campus UCLA Station; and (2.) A direct seamless connection to the Wilshire Purple "D" Line Subway Station at Wilshire & Westwood Boulevards. [See WRAC Prior Position re STCP].

"This motion makes clear that both Monorail Options (Alternatives 1 and 3) also should not be chosen by the Metro Board due to their significantly lower ridership projections and lower capacities, and their significantly slower speeds and longer travel times as compared to any of the three Heavy Rails Alternatives for this project."

Notes

Modified versions:

NWNC: Resolution/CIS supporting heavy rail (per J. Wasserman, Secretary)

WLASNC: Passed motion supporting Option 5 (per J. Handal, Treasurer & rep to WRAC)

WWNC: Passed motion supporting Option 5 (per L. Chapman, President)