



Venice Neighborhood Council

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MINUTES

Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 - 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!
When: Aug 12, 2025 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Parking, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:02

BOARD ROLL CALL AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CONFLICTS

Richard Stanger ✓ (none)	Selena Inouye ✓ (none)	

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

CHAIR COMMENTS: Richard asked for anyone interested in being a committee member to contact him.

NEW BUSINESS

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

The item was presented by Selena, who is Chair of the WRAC's Transportation Committee. She emphasized that the basic recommendation is to support WRAC's decision on the transit mode to be used, that is, heavy rail, not monorail for the reasons given in the Motion.

Clarifying questions included what exactly is "heavy rail". The response was that is the mode on MTA's existing subway lines – totally grade-separated using steel wheel-on-steel rail vehicles. There were further comments asking for more information on the alternatives. MTA charts were shown and explained by Selena and a version will be provided for the VNC as a supporting document.



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- a. The MTA is completing a Draft Environmental Impact Report on possible transit alternatives connecting the Westside with the San Fernando Valley through the Sepulveda Pass. The WRAC is asking its associated neighborhood councils to support its adopted position.
- b. Motion:

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;

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.

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/>

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



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Motion Made by – Selena Inouye

Seconded by – Richard Stanger

Vote: Yes - 2, No - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.

2. Harbor-Bryan Drainage Project

This item was presented by Jack Wielebinski, a neighbor directly affected by the years-long lack of drainage at his intersection. He described the pooling of toxic water that occurs most of the year in the potholes caused by the poor drainage. In discussions with Sean Silva and Jeff Khau of Traci Park's office it was determined that a permanent fix would require scheduling it in the 2026-27 fiscal year.

- a. The intersection of Harbor Street and Bryan Avenue in the Silver Triangle neighborhood of Venice has experienced flooding for many decades. Temporary fixes by the City have not resolved the issue. The neighbors are asking the City finally to take those steps necessary to permanently repair the drainage problem in the 2026-2027 budget cycle. They are asking this Committee and the VNC to support its efforts. The issue is further explained in the supporting documents section of the Committee's webpage.

- b. Motion:

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.

Motion Made by: Richard Stanger

Seconded by: Selena Inouye

Vote: Yes - 2, No - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:41

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