

June 2023 RBM Public Comment – Item 19

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Regular Board of Directors meeting 6/22/2023 agenda item number 19

(Note: please send all of my comments to all Board members and staff as well as reading my entire comments if possible)

So I just want to know if the LAC+USC Medical Center Metrolink Station is going to be happening? Is the station located next to the El Monte Busway and will the current bridge connect to the new Metrolink platform?

Please address these issues as soon as possible

Thank you

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June 21, 2023

Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California, 90012-2952
Via Email To Boardclerk@Metro.Net

Re: Oppose Item #21, Metro's Proposed In-House Police Department; and instead use a Shared Services Model of Emergency Response

Dear Metro Board of Directors,

We, the below signed organizations, write in opposition to Metro's efforts to create an in-house police department. Metro's riders are overwhelmingly people from lower-income households. More than 6 in 10 Metro riders earn under \$25,000 a year, and many are riding Metro as their only means to access the resources and services they need to live. Metro's riders are also overwhelmingly people of color. Black riders, in particular, have been consistently, disproportionately, and negatively impacted by police on Metro. Every year for at least the last three years under the Metro police contract, 50% of Metro citations and arrests have gone to Black riders, despite Black riders comprising under 20% of Metro ridership. This is unjust.

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Sincerely,

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ACLU - Southern California

Alliance for Boys and Men of Color

Black Lives Matter - Los Angeles

Community Power Collective

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

Jobs to Move America

Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)

Los Angeles Black Workers Center

Los Angeles Walks

Strategic Action for a Just Economy (SAJE)

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As a carless angeleno, I'm begging you to use those funds to increase lighting at Metro stations, provide maintenance to prevent breakdowns, increase bus services, increase metro frequency, or even invest in more metro stations in the future. That's what makes me feel safest riding metro.

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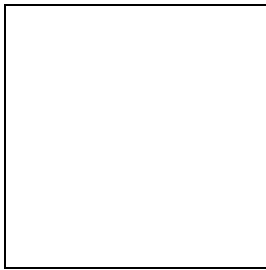
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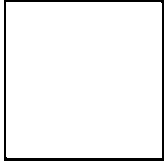
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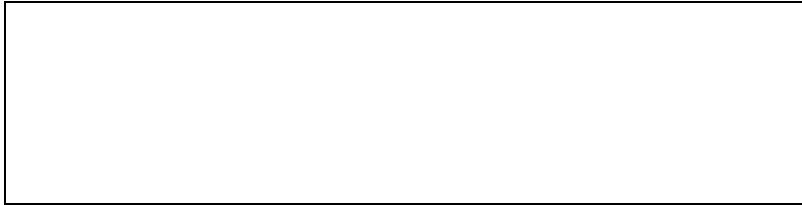
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We acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the territory of the Tongva/Gabrielino peoples who are the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands).

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Thank you.
Kathleen

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]



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June 14, 2023

Hon. Ara Najarian, Chair
Members of the Board of Directors
LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: C Line/K Line Operating Plan

Dear Chair Najarian and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), we formally support Metro staff's recommendation of "Option 2" for the C Line/K Line operating plan.

In 2018, the SBCCOG supported Motion 28.1 by Supervisor Hahn that approved a 1 year pilot of "Alternative C-3". The SBCCOG recognizes that there is no longer an opportunity to implement that pilot proposal. Based on Metro staff analysis and public input, the SBCCOG now supports Option 2.

Option 2 creates a K Line that runs from the Expo Line to Redondo Beach and a C Line that operates from Norwalk to the LAX/Metro Transit Center. This newly created north-south corridor not only operates in line with travel patterns in the region, but also supports future planned extensions to Torrance and Hollywood. Option 2 offers a simple routing and continues to provide a one-seat ride to LAX from all C and K Line stations.

For these reasons, the SBCCOG urges the Metro Board of Directors to adopt C Line/K Line operating plan Option 2. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact SBCCOG Executive Director Jacki Bacharach at (310) 371-7222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Cruikshank".

John Cruikshank, Chair
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

c.c.: Metro Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Committee

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June 21, 2023

Hon. Ara Najarian, Chair
Members of the Board of Directors
LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: C Line/K Line Operating Plan

Dear Chair Najarian and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of Rolling Hills Estates, I would like to express our support for Metro staff's recommendation of "Option 2" for the C Line/K Line operating plan.

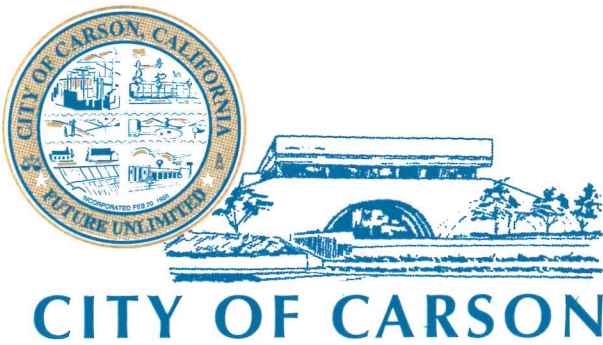
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For these reasons, we urge the Metro Board of Directors to adopt C Line/K Line operating plan Option 2.

Sincerely,

Britt Huff
Mayor



June 21, 2023

Honorable Ara Najarian, Chair
Members of the Board of Directors
LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: C Line/K Line Operating Plan

Dear Chair Najarian and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of Carson, I formally support Metro staff's recommendation of "Option 2" for the C Line/K Line operating plan.

In 2018, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments supported Motion 28.1 by Supervisor Hahn that approved a 1 year pilot of "Alternative C-3". Our region recognizes that there is no longer an opportunity to implement that pilot proposal. Based on Metro staff analysis and public input, we now support Option 2.

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For these reasons, I urge the Metro Board of Directors to adopt C Line/K Line operating plan Option 2. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310) 952-1706.

Sincerely,

Lula Davis-Holmes
Mayor



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The Honorable Ara Najarian, Chair
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Najarian and the Metro Board of Directors:

Item 37 C&K Line: AGAINST STAFF RECOMMENDATION

On behalf of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, **I write in opposition to the Metro staff-recommended C/K Lines operating plan of “Option 2” and in support of “Option 1”, in Item #37** which would provide a single-seat ride for South and Southeast LA communities to LAX and the Expo Line.

Our COG worked collaboratively with the South Bay Cities COG in 2018, to arrive at a compromise operating plan, which the Metro Board ultimately supported for implementation on a one-year pilot basis. At the time we all thought that the Crenshaw Line would open in 2019. That compromise plan has been considered once again by Metro staff this year as “Option 3.” Many of our residents prefer this option as well, because it would preserve the existing connection to South Bay communities while also providing a single-seat connection to the Expo Line. However, the Gateway Cities COG adopted a formal position in support of Option 1 because we recognize this as the most viable path forward to best serve our transit-dependent riders.

Option 1 is the most affordable option to operate, saving Metro at least \$3.5 million per year, which will be critically important as this agency faces a “fiscal cliff.” More importantly, it will serve our essential workers, many of whom remained regular users of the Green Line throughout the pandemic, who continue to be required to transfer to north-south lines because no single-seat north-south link exists.

This is also about equity, as our communities face some of the worst air quality and are some of the most transit-dependent anywhere in LA County. The Green Line exists today because it was a required mitigation for the construction of a freeway through the heart of our Southeast LA communities, and the transit service it provides is a lifeline for tens of thousands every day.

The Honorable Ara Najarian, Chair

June 21, 2023

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The selection of C-1 provides an operational enhancement that will be in place in-time for the 2028 Olympics. C-1 offers spectators a single seat ride from Norwalk to the E Line eliminating a change at the AMC. C-1 will facilitate the Olympic Customer Experience goal for out-of-town spectators by not forcing a change in train at the AMC. A single seat ride will cut down on confusion and remove dwell time.

For all these reasons, the Gateway Cities COG implores the Metro Board of Directors to reject the staff recommendation of "Option 2" and to instead support "Option 1," where we can do the right thing for equity and social justice and also save some money in the process to preserve transit services throughout LA County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ali Saleh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ali" and last name "Saleh" clearly distinguishable.

Ali Saleh, President

Board of Directors, Gateway Cities Council of Governments and
Councilmember, City of Bell

June 2023 RBM Public Comment -- Item 37

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 5:51 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Single Seat Ride Norwalk C Line to K line

Metro Board Member Board Clerk ,

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to extend the single seat ride on the C Line from Norwalk to the K Line. As a resident of the Gateway Cities region, I believe that this proposal will greatly benefit thousands of commuters who rely on the Metro system to get to work, school, and other destinations.

The Norwalk Metro Station is an important transportation link that connects the Gateway Cities and beyond to Downtown Los Angeles, serving thousands of commuters every day. Currently, riders on the C Line have a difficult transfer schedule to reach the Santa Monica Region, which can be time-consuming and inconvenient. I believe that the Norwalk C Line Station to K Line proposal is the best choice for the following reasons:

- (1) It serves a larger population: Norwalk is a major transportation hub, serving several surrounding cities, and extending the single seat ride to Norwalk will benefit a larger number of commuters than the Redondo Beach proposal.
- (2) It has better transfer connections: Norwalk is a major transfer point for several other Metro lines, including the A Line and the C Line, as well as the Metrolink. By extending the single seat ride to Norwalk, riders will have better transfer connections to these other lines, making it easier to travel to other parts of the region.
- (3) It is more cost-effective: The Norwalk to K Line proposal is expected to be more cost-effective than the Redondo Beach proposal, by saving commuter time and reducing traffic on the 105 and 405 freeways.

(4) The MAJORITY of survey responders (those making under \$100,000 and from all underprivileged groups) would like a connection from Norwalk Station C Line to the K line, when combining options 1 and 3 from the Metro survey.

I urge the Metro Board of Directors to approve the Norwalk to K Line proposal and invest in improving the C Line for the benefit of commuters throughout Los Angeles. By eliminating the need for transfers, riders will save time and avoid the hassle of changing trains, making the C Line a more attractive option for commuters.

Thank you for considering my input on this important transportation initiative. I hope that you will support Option 1 (Norwalk to K Line proposal) to improve the Metro system for the most transit dependent users.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2:15 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Southeast LA County

Hi, my name is [REDACTED], I'm from Norwalk, and I'm submitting a public comment for agenda item #37 on the C Line and K Line Operating Plan Update. I'm against Option 2, and instead I support Option 1 that would allow for a single-seat connection from the Norwalk (C) Line Station to the E Line. I believe Southeast LA County greatly needs improved light rail service that would connect us directly to LAX, Santa Monica, and other destinations.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2:21 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Public Comment Line / Agenda Item #37

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:14 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Public comment: Metro direct access agenda item 37

Hello,

My name is Lizette Romano, I'm from Norwalk, and I'm submitting a public comment for agenda item #37 on the C Line and K Line Operating Plan Update. I'm against Option 2, and instead I support Option 1 that would allow for a single-seat connection from the Norwalk (C) Line Station to the E Line. I believe Southeast LA County greatly needs improved light rail service that would connect us directly to LAX, Santa Monica, and other destinations.

As someone who commuted to UCLA for two years for school, I can attest that traffic is horrible getting to a lot of these destinations and having this connection would help greatly.

Thank you,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:15 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item #37

Hello, my name is [REDACTED] and I'm from the city of Norwalk.

I am submitting a public comment for agenda item #37 on the C Line and K Line Operating Plan Update.

I'm against Option 2, and instead I support Option 1, which would allow for a single-seat connection from the Norwalk (C) Line Station to the E Line. I believe Southeast Los Angeles County greatly needs improved light rail service, and a line that would connect us directly to LAX, Santa Monica, and other destinations is an imperative step towards achieving that.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:32 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Agenda item 37

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I relied on the Metro C Line throughout my life, to visit family and friends across LA and to complete my undergraduate and graduate studies at UCLA. At a certain point for school though, due to poor light rail and bus service from Norwalk to West LA, I ended up having to drive everyday to school. I woke up at 4am every morning to avoid traffic, affecting my quality of life and outcomes at school.

Predominantly Latino, families, students, and workers from Southeast LA County shouldn't have to experience these challenges to reunite with loved ones and access school and job opportunities for greater mobility. Equity means providing us with greater transit access to West LA, and beyond.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:48 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Agenda Item #37

Hi, my name is [REDACTED], I'm from East Los Angeles, and I'm submitting a public comment for agenda item #37 on the C Line and K Line Operating Plan Update. I'm against Option 2, and instead I support Option 1 that would allow for a single-seat connection from the Norwalk (C) Line Station to the E Line. I believe Southeast LA County greatly needs improved light rail service that would connect us directly to LAX, Santa Monica, and other destinations.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Public comment

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Thank you for your time,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:54 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Regular Board of Directors meeting 6/22/2023 agenda item number 37

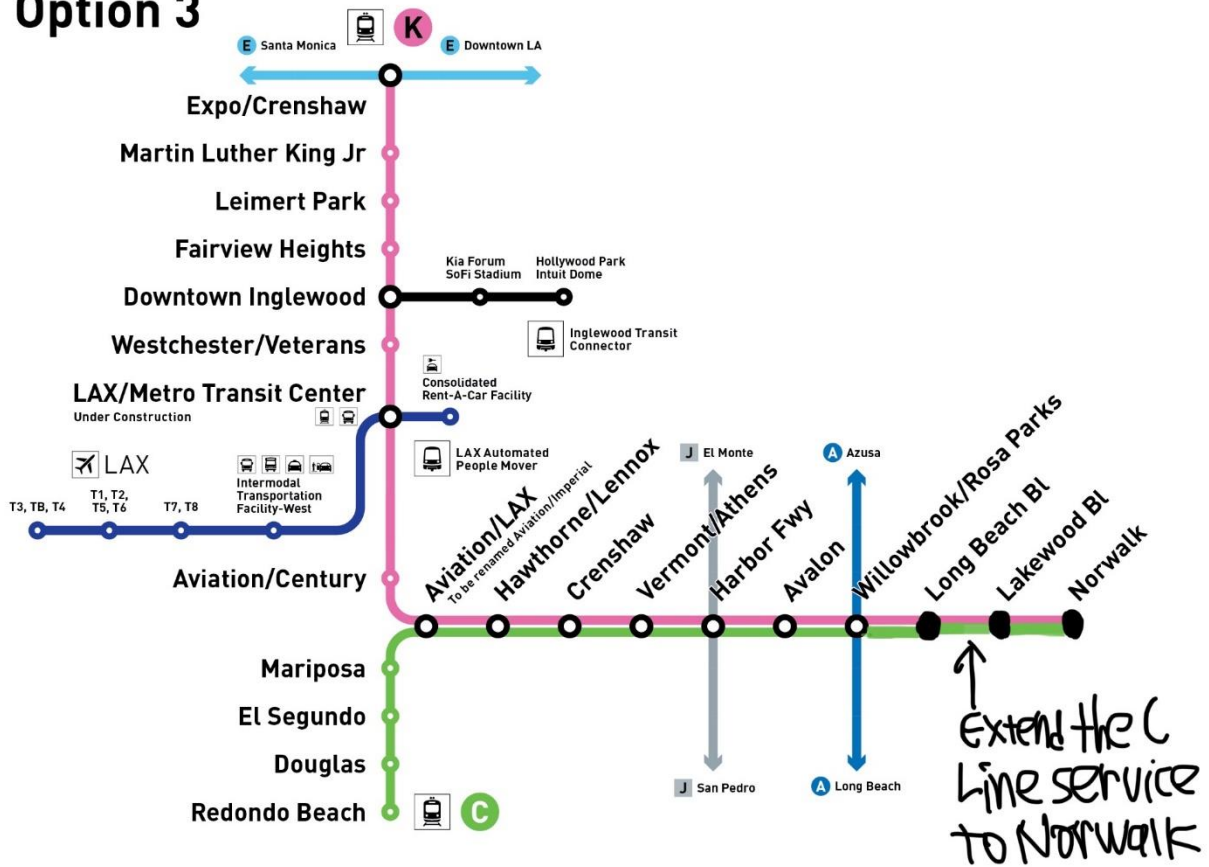
(Note: please send all of my comments to all Board members and staff as well as reading my entire comments if possible)

So, I looked at the presentation of the C and K Line operating plan and I thought Option 3(Alt C-3) would have won but Option 2(Alt C-2) had the most votes based on the survey and I'm not sure what's going to happen next.

In my opinion I really wanted Option 3(Alt C-3) with modifications of the C Line service to continue down to Norwalk Station instead of ending at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station because my main goal is to keep the C Line service from Norwalk Station to Redondo Beach Station so that people coming from Torrance and Redondo Beach can have access to A and J Lines going to/from Downtown LA at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks and Harbor Freeway Stations. Under Option 3, when the C Line ends at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station, the train would have to go to a sliding track to turn around and people forgot to get off the train and catch the K Line to Norwalk. Modifying Option 3 with the C Line to continue down to Norwalk will help people avoid transfers via the K Line to Norwalk at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station. My suggestion for the plan is to modify option 3 with the C Line service to continue down to Norwalk so that you can keep the current C line service between Norwalk and Redondo Beach and the K Line will still run between Norwalk and Expo/Crenshaw. If Option 2 is picked, then I really don't want people to delay their journey time between Norwalk and Redondo Beach by transferring trains at Aviation/Century Station.

These are all of my comments and thank you very much for your time

Option 3



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 4:42 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Agenda item #37

To whom it may concern.

My name is [REDACTED], I am from the city of Downey, and I am submitting a public comment for agenda item #37 on the C Line and K Line Operating Plan Update. I am against Option 2, and am in favor of Option 1, that would allow for single-seat connection from Norwalk C Line Station to the E Line. I believe Southeast LA County greatly needs improved light rail service that would connect us directly to LAX, Santa Monica, and other destinations.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

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CHAIR, SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

June 2, 2023

Stephanie Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority
One Gateway Plaza, MS-99
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Crime on Metro System

Dear Chief Executive Officer Wiggins,

I am writing to express my full support for Supervisor Hahn's call for an assessment of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (Metro) Security. The rise of violent incidents in our rail transit system is extremely alarming and concerning. Given the large amounts of funding, Metro allocates to security and safety, we are unfortunately not seeing results that instill a sense of safety and promote transit ridership in our region. It is essential that we launch a comprehensive evaluation of Metro's security to ensure safe, secure, and reliable transit options for all riders.

On the evening of May 24th, an unfortunate incident occurred where a Metro bus driver was stabbed and currently is fighting for his life. It is disheartening that similar incidents have occurred within my district on the A-line in Downtown Long Beach where a person was killed, and in a separate incident, a woman was tragically kidnapped at gunpoint while waiting for a bus in East LA. The situation becomes acutely problematic when we take into account that 75% of riders are low-income, and a downward trend of female ridership over the past three years signals an erosion of equitable service and public trust.

It is clear that the frequent nature of these incidents fosters a sense of insecurity among Metro customers and fundamentally undermines Metro recovery efforts in a post-pandemic world. Therefore, a thorough examination of existing security measures is not only necessary but also the humane thing to do.

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I remain hopeful that through your leadership and dedicated effort, we can renew, revive, and build a safe metro system that works for everyone. As the Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, I also look forward to continuing to collaborate and advocate for measures that support our transit systems and the safety of our transit riders. Should you have any questions regarding my letter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (562) 256-7921.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lena Gonzalez', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lena Gonzalez
Senator, District 33



Raymond B. Whitmer
Secretary-Treasurer



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June 5, 2023

Stephanie N. Wiggins, Chief Executive Office
1 Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-3-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Teamsters Local 911

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Strive Well Being, Inc. has continued to tell Ambassadors how to vote and are actively union busting. They confirmed this on June 3, 2023, where they classify their union busting action as providing accurate, unbiased information to the Ambassadors regarding the National Labor Relations Board election and worker rights.

We have statements from Ambassadors confirming the captive audience meetings and anti-Teamsters Local 911 and Union statements made by the ownership/management of Strive Well Being, Inc. Unfortunately, these unfair practices have tilted the field to the point where Ambassadors fear talking to the Union due to the perceived possibility that joining Teamsters Local 911 and the Union can have a negative effect on their jobs.

This anti-Teamsters and Union campaign is fundamentally unacceptable, especially because it is a cynic hypocrisy and a slap to the face of the Los Angeles labor movement and the long-standing labor partnership between the Teamsters Union and LA Metro. The LA Metro transit system and its communities are suffering from a state of emergency and our goal is to ensure that we contribute towards the success of LA Metro and its operations.

It is for this reason that we demand a neutrality labor peace agreement from LA Metro in regards to the Ambassador RMI International, Inc. public-private partnership.

Sincerely,

Carlos I. Rubio
President

c: Board of Directors boardclerk@metro.net
Raymond B. Whitmer, Secretary-Treasurer

June 2023 RBM General Public Comment

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Gold line to Claremont

Hi there,

I am a metro rider living in LA county's most eastern city, Claremont. I am hoping you will help us find the funds to extend the Gold Line track to Claremont. The city is making many investments for "car free" lifestyles. Bringing this line a bit further from its current Pomona terminus, would greatly improve our quality of life, and provide better access to the county. Thank you!

Kindly,

[REDACTED]

Claremont resident

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 7:19 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Congestion Traffic Tax

We oppose LA Metro's soon to be proposed "congestion" traffic tax.
Please stop this from happening.
Thank you,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
<edivertogalvez3@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io> **On Behalf Of** Ediverto Galvez
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:08 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 11:00 AM

To: executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov; Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; Gorman, Karen <GORMANK@metro.net>; InspectorGeneral@oig.lacounty.gov

Subject: BCHD PBike Path

I admit I am truly puzzled by recent events surrounding LA Metro's funding of the bike path to be built by Beach Cities Health District. (FA Project ID#: MM4602.01 Amendment No. 1 FA#: 9200000000M460201)

Plainly, BCHD no longer expects to build the path as originally proposed and funded. Indeed, the current plan would *not* involve the City of Torrance, a huge change in the scope of the plan.

I have written to LA Metro's IG seeking clarification of the project status, but have received no reply to date. This makes me wonder if Metro expects to continue funding the project or if BCHD and Metro will agree to an amendment.

If you need further details to track down this situation, please let me know.

[REDACTED]

Citizen/Taxpayer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 11:33 AM
To: InspectorGeneral@oig.lacounty.gov; Gorman, Karen <GORMANK@metro.net>; Garth Meyer <gmeyer@easyreadernews.com>; tliu@scng.com
Cc: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>; executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov
Subject: BCHD has been misrepresenting its proposed use of Measure M funds since December 2022

This is notification for the formal record of LA County and Metro Boards and Inspectors General:

According to a Torrance City Councilperson, during mid-December BCHD was informed its request for right-of-way in Torrance was denied. However, BCHD continues to misrepresent that it has ongoing discussions with Torrance.

Plainly, BCHD was granted \$1.8M in measure M funds for 1200-feet of bike path in Torrance (without agreement ex ante from Torrance) and Redondo Beach. Instead, BCHD will spend 2/3rds of the funding on a mere 1/3 of the project. There is apparently NO OVERSIGHT at Metro of Measure M funds, and that is a real problem. BCHD needs to stand down and repatriate ALL FUNDS back to Measure M.

Mark Nelson

Redondo Beach

See note below from Torrance Council

*Update - Clarification and Statement from Councilmember
Lewis on Torrance's rejection of BCHD Bike Lane:*

I have received this update and would like to clarify some of the information contained regarding the proposed BCHD Bike Path featured in the Daily Breeze Article.

The proposed bike path project was presented to the public in a staff report at the November 7, 2022, Torrance Traffic Commission meeting. This meeting included a staff presentation, followed by public comments. Following the Traffic Commission Meeting and with the concurrence of the city management team, Torrance Public Works decided

to deny the proposed project application based on the significant opposition (68% opposed by email and 82% opposed by speaking). BCHD was formally informed of our decision and we shared this information with the public at the District 2 Community Meeting held on December 12, 2022.

Since the preparation of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan in 2012, Torrance has added to its network of bike lanes and bike routes. Most notable is the addition of Class II bike lanes on 190th St (Hawthorne Blvd to Madrona Ave); Palos Verdes Blvd (PCH to south City boundary); and Anza Ave (Sepulveda Blvd to Calle Mayor). It is already possible for cyclists and pedestrians to bypass Prospect Ave in Redondo Beach, via the use of Diamond St (Redondo Beach) and Flagler Ln (Torrance). Combined, these two streets (located between Prospect Ave to the south and Beryl St to the north) provide a continuous sidewalk on the east side and a separate, but continuous paved surface throughout.

While the middle portion is narrow, it provides a 10-foot wide pavement surface for cyclists, separate from the sidewalk. It should be noted that the narrow middle portion has no vehicle traffic, as compared to Prospect Ave. Other additions are Class III bike routes in various areas of the City. Torrance continues these efforts when constructing various projects and can add to the network when it is available public right-of-way and funding to do so.

The City of Torrance has **no intention to modify the “Flagler Alley” public right-of-way from its current condition**. Therefore, there is no scope of work, nor related future cost estimate, by Torrance needed to modify this area. If there is future interest by Torrance to modify this area, the scope of work would determine the cost. However, it is highly unlikely we would propose a \$3M project for a project like this. Furthermore, we would seek all available grant funding to pay for any improvement so as to not divert funding from the general fund.

At this time there is no pending, nor deferred, City decision for the proposed bike path project. I along with the city team consider the matter closed. However, if a new project is proposed in Torrance’s public right-of-way of Flagler Lane, the Public Works Department under the leadership of Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director, will follow the same review process and conduct public outreach and meetings to ensure we meet or exceed our community’s expectations for transparency and information sharing.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or Mr. Bilezerian.

All the best!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 1:50 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 1:58 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 3:00 PM

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Subject: BCHD is out of compliance with its Measure M proposal

The LA County Board and Metro are allowing BCHD to continue wasting Measure M funds. Formal complaints have been filed with the Inspector General of Metro. The Inspector General of LA County has been looped in, since LA County has a significant exposure to Metro failures with Measure M funds regarding BCHD.

BCHD proposed a total cost for 1200-feet of \$1.8M and was granted that funding from Metro for a bike path in Torrance and Redondo Beach. That cost exceeds metrics from studies by the UNC Chapel Hill by 30-fold. A clear sign of Metro's failed due diligence prior to funding award.

BCHD has changed the plan scope to only 400-feet. BCHD has further demonstrated a planning cost of over \$1.2M for the 400-feet (\$400,000+ reimbursed by Metro and \$800,000 proposed cost for construction by 3rd parties.) As such, BCHD's bait and switch has now changed to completing only 1/3rd of the project for 2/3rds of the budget.

However, BCHD's estimates were faulty. Based on BCHD's recent received bids, the new cost will be \$1.4M to \$2.2M for the 400-feet. See attached bid summary.

Metro failed in its due diligence when it awarded to BCHD with determining if BCHD had secured right-of-way from Torrance. BCHD did not and cannot. It has been denied as of December 2022. Both Metro and the Board were provided a statement from the Torrance City Council on that denial.

Metro and the Board need to take action immediately to preserve the taxpayer funds in Measure M including a full recapture of all reimbursements to BCHD.

Mark Nelson

Redondo Beach 3+ Year BCHD Community Working Group Participant

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 4:59 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Regular Board of Directors meeting 6/22/2023 General Public Comment

(Note: please send all of my comments to all Board members and staff as well as reading my entire comments if possible)

So, I'm here to address the Monterey Pass Road issue because when the NextGen Bus Plan was approved in 2020 it removed the 258-bus service off of Monterey Pass Road and since then people have a hard time walking 10, 20, 30 plus minutes going to Garvey, Floral, or Hellman to access other bus services. The removal of the 258 bus line on Monterey Pass Road also negatively impacted Alhambra residents on Fremont Ave between the 10 freeway and the south city border because there are some apartment buildings that might be owned by CSULA who need public transit to get to CSULA for classes. People who live near or work on Monterey Pass Road need a north south bus line to get around like going to CSULA for the Metrolink train.

My suggestion would have been line 256 extension from CSULA to ELAC via Monterey Pass Road/1st to replace the line 258 segment but the 256 bus segment between Highland Park and CSULA would be replaced by line 665 and Metro Micro on 6/25/2023 and now there's no other solution to have a transit service that can go north and south on Monterey Pass Road(which includes Fremont Ave between the 10 freeway and the south Alhambra border) only to rely on Monterey Park Spirit Bus route 4 which only runs southbound on Monterey Pass Road between Garvey and Davidson that is very inconvenient and unreliable to get around.

So in closing I don't know who should I refer or talk to regarding my comments shown above

Thank you very much for your time

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