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July 8, 2025

To: WRAC Member Council Board representatives
From: WRAC Chair Robin Greenberg and Vice-Chair Chris Spitz

In case you missed it, here's an update on the July 7, 2025, special WRAC Board meeting.

Meeting Items/New Motion:

Other than Public Comment (at which two individuals/non-Board members spoke about their views on the alternative modes of transportation proposed for Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project/STCP), the only item on the agenda was a motion recommended by the WRAC MTC and sponsored in the WRAC Board by Steve Sann of WCC regarding the STCP modes of transportation (item 3 on the agenda).

An amendment to the motion on the agenda was made by Steve and passed by the Board at the meeting. After discussion, the Board then passed the following motion, as amended, for recommendation to WRAC member councils:

"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."

Please see the motion webpage which includes Background information and ***further important explanatory notes:*** *
<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-heavy-rail-underground-subway-mode-of-transportation-oppose-two-proposed-monorail-options-for-the-metro-sepulveda-transit-corridor-project-stcp/>. *See further notes from S. Sann on p. 2, following.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: The deadline to comment on the DEIR is AUGUST 30, 2025. To ensure that WRAC can submit a position letter before the deadline (assuming at least 8 Member Councils pass the motion), ***it is imperative for WRAC's Councils to take up the motion at the earliest opportunity – if need be, via calling a special meeting in July or early August.*** We appreciate everyone's cooperation to the extent possible.

Please also consider taking up one or more of the additional pending motions at your earliest opportunity: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>. Reminder: Pending motions are *recommended only* – they are not WRAC positions until they are passed by at least a majority (8) of Member Councils, who are free to decide whether to take up any pending motions.¹

¹ Even if a given motion is not passed by a majority of Member Councils and thus does not become an adopted WRAC position, those Member Councils that have passed the motion are free to submit (and should submit) CIS and/or position letters on their own behalf. Collectively, positions expressed by several Member Councils, even if short of a majority in WRAC, are meaningful and may have a positive impact.

We also emphasize that WRAC is of course a *cooperative coalition* which seeks, whenever possible, to advocate for our Member Councils' common / regional interests and concerns, as reflected in motions that a majority or more of WRAC Board representatives have voted to recommend for possible consideration by our Member Councils – and may eventually become adopted WRAC positions.

See you at our special in-person Board meeting on **July 21, 2025** (look for the agenda and meeting details to be distributed the week before the event).

Best regards,

Robin and Chris

*Further notes from S. Sann re the motion passed on 7/7/25 for recommendation to Member Councils:

“Each WRAC member Council is welcome to customize this motion to specify which (or all) of the three Heavy Rail Alternatives your Council supports (e.g., The _____ NC/CC expressly supports the following Heavy Rail Option(s): (insert here: Alternative 4; Alternative 5; Alternative 6; Alternatives 4 and 5; Alternatives 4 and 6; Alternatives 5 and 6; or Alternatives 4, 5, and 6).

“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.

“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.”