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FROM: LA County Youth Climate Commission

SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT HEAVY RAIL ALTERNATIVES AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR**

The Los Angeles County Youth Climate Commission (YCC) advises the Board of Supervisors and County departments on climate-related goals, policies, and initiatives. As part of this mandate, the Commission submits our recommendation regarding Metro's forthcoming selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project.

This project is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to advance Los Angeles County's goals for clean transportation, regional equity, and youth mobility. The corridor is among the most congested and polluted in the nation. Metro's own projections confirm that only the heavy rail alternatives deliver the speed, capacity, and ridership needed to meet these challenges. These alternatives also include vital connections that benefit youth, working families, and underserved communities.

Therefore, the YCC urges the Board to support a Locally Preferred Alternative that includes:

1. **A direct on-campus station at UCLA**, which would serve 18,000+ daily riders, expand access to education and healthcare, and support students from low-income and first-generation households.
2. **A seamless transfer to the Metro D Line**, unlocking access to Koreatown, Downtown LA, County services, and cultural institutions—projected to create the busiest station in the Metro system.
3. **A heavy rail configuration**, the only mode that delivers 120,000+ daily boardings, sub-15-minute travel times, and full compatibility with Metro's existing system—while avoiding duplicative costs and elevated construction impacts.

A “No Build” or monorail alternative would fall short of the region’s climate, health, and equity needs—and ignore the voices of youth across LA County. Our 2024 Youth Climate Priorities Report (1,300+ responses) identified mobility and air quality as top concerns for LA youth.

The Youth Climate Commission urges bold action. Please support a future-ready Sepulveda line that centers equity, sustainability, and opportunity for the next generation.

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