

Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project PDA LASRE Briefing – Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Date:	Time:
December 15, 2023	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location:	Call Info:
In Person Meeting	16501 Ventura Blvd, Suite 620 Encino, CA 91436

Attendee List:

Metro	LASRE Project Team
Alan Bingham, Metro PgM (Consultant)	Mark Waier – Project Communications
Community Stakeholders	
Clarissa Gomez, Field representative for Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel	
Jack Trent Dorfman, Field representative for Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel	

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*For official information regarding the Project, please visit Metro’s project website:
<https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/>*

Agenda:

A. Briefing Items

- 1.0 Introductions:** All meeting participants self-introduced.
- 2.0 Briefing:** Alan Bingham (Metro) read the Metro disclaimer and Mark Waier (LASRE) proceeded to present the slide deck.
 - Project Overview
 - Monorail/SkyRail Overview
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Station Concepts
 - Why LASRE is proposing SkyRail
- 3.0 Q & A:** Jack Dorfman (Assemblymember's field representative) asked if there was a program in place for impacted small businesses during the construction; Mark responded that he was unsure how Metro will handle that but it has become pretty standard for Metro projects to have a component that provides assistance for small businesses.

Jack asked how long it would take to build the MRT; Mark responded that it will take about two to three years for the elevated guideway and then the construction will focus on the stations. Mark noted that the tunnel component for Alternative 3 would take longer to complete.

Clarissa Gomez (Assemblymember's field representative) commented that lots of passengers will drive to stations and noted that parking needed to be provided. Clarissa asked about passenger safety on the station platforms; Mark indicated that there will be safety glass and walls to prevent people from falling onto the tracks.

Mark indicated that, like other projects in the region, the selected team will work with the local community colleges to develop pipelines for employment/workforce development. Mark confirmed that the MRT will meet or exceed the current seismic construction standards in place, noting that it is also very safe to be on an elevated guideway during a geological disruption compared to being underground (passengers can utilize emergency exits provided on the station platforms, etc.). Mark indicated that shade to provide relief from summer heat will be incorporated into the station designs, noting that stations may be enclosed. Mark shared the list of community stakeholders who LASRE has invited for project briefing meetings; Jack suggested additional organizations with whom LASRE may want to meet.