

Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project PDA LASRE Briefing – STC4All Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Date:	Time:
April 17, 2024	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Location:	
Join Zoom Meeting https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98627483732	
Meeting ID: 986 2748 3732TBD	

Attendee List:

Metro	LASRE Project Team
Nikhil Damle - PDA Oversight Manager, LASRE	Mark Waier – Project Communications
Eimon Smith – Metro PgM Support	Andrew Lewis - Design Manager
	Michael Hoghooghi - Project Manager
	Akib Rahman - Research Associate
Community Stakeholders	
Julia Brown - Director of Government/Community Relations, UCLA	Nilaya Kanuri - Student Intern, UCLA
Leeor Alpern - Director of Local Government Relations, UCLA	Michael Russell - Executive Director, Westwood Village Improvement Association
Duane Muller - Senior Executive Director of Government/Community Relations, UCLA	Lisa Chapman – President, Westwood Neighborhood Council
Rohan Abraham – Student Intern, UCLA	Steven Sann – Chair, Westwood Community Council

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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

2.0 Briefing

- Project Overview
- Monorail/SkyRail Overview
- Alignment Alternatives
- Station Concepts
- Why LASRE is proposing SkyRail

3.0 Q & A

Question (Steven Sann): What is the rider experience going to be and what are these stations going to look like?

LASRE response: We've put considerable thought into ensuring a comfortable and safe environment for riders. Stations can be configured in different ways, either open air to maximize sustainability or closed and air-conditioned for added comfort. Each station will feature platform screen doors (PSDs) to guarantee passenger safety, along with other amenities. Based on the positive experiences reported from existing monorail systems worldwide, passengers can expect a pleasant and clean atmosphere. As for concerns about pollutants from the nearby freeway, our design accounts for this with measures to mitigate environmental impact like having closed stations.

Question (Steven Sann): Will Alternative 3 have a direct connection to the Purple Line at Wilshire?

LASRE response: Yes, Alternative 3 will have a direct connection to the Purple Line. We have explored various alignments to ensure seamless connectivity, including a proposal for a single-seat ride to UCLA and an additional underground station at UCLA Lot 36. This tunnel segment will connect the monorail to the UCLA campus and then emerge south of Wilshire, where it rejoins the freeway.

Question (Steven Sann): Is Alternative 3 withdrawn from the final proposal?

LASRE response: Alternative 3 remains a viable option in our proposal. While there are considerations regarding cost and construction time, we acknowledge the importance of this alternative, particularly for meeting the requirements of having a station on the UCLA campus.