

## Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project PDA LASRE Briefing – Skirball Center Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Information:

Date:	Time:
May 23, 2024	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location/Call Info:	
In Person: 2701 N Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 9004 Or <a href="https://meet.google.com/gha-vctu-htd">meet.google.com/gha-vctu-htd</a> Or Dial: +1 513-818-1189 PIN: 421021594#	

### Attendee List:

Metro	LASRE Project Team
Eimon Smith – Metro PgM Support	Michael Hoghooghi - Project Manager
	Mark Waier – Project Communications
Community Stakeholders	
Pam Kohanchi – Sr. VP, General Counsel and Secretary	
Plus 65 staff attendees	

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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:** Has Metro considered how people will get to stations? Will people drive and have to park?

*LASRE response:* Riders can get to stations in a variety of ways. There are multiple east/west lines and Amtrak/Metrolink that connect with SkyRail; there will also be an adjustment to bus service and feeder systems to the stations, riders can ride bikes/scooters to the stations and park them or can bring them on the trains. There will also be kiss and ride areas for people to be picked up and dropped off at stations using private vehicles or rideshare as well as select stations that have parking available.

**Question:** If Metro chooses a monorail option, what is the timeline for completion?

*LASRE response:* Metro will release construction schedule information in due time.

**Comment:** Love what she heard, spends 3+ hours on 405 and this would be a help.

**Question:** Why not a driver? I'm concerned about the loss of jobs. What is the fuel? Electric? Solar? What moves the vehicles?

*LASRE response:* The system is driverless because it increases capacity, reliability and safety. Autonomous does not mean there aren't people operating the system. We have a full staff of individuals working on operating the system at the Operations and Maintenance Facility. We also have programs in place to train and hire locally to fill the need for construction jobs and jobs to operate and maintain the system. In terms of the power for the vehicles, the system is electric.

**Question:** I am a Metro rider who takes it to Skirball. How will I get from the Getty Center Station to the Skirball?

*LASRE response:* Thank you for being a Metro rider. The closest station to the Skirball will be the Getty Center Station. That station could be serviced with a circulator. Those decisions will come later once an alternative is selected and construction is completed.

**Question:** What steps/measures have been thought about in terms of minimizing the actual impact to the daily commuters during the construction aspect?

*LASRE response:* SkyRail aims to have little to no impact on traffic during construction. We are not taking any lanes of the 405 freeway for construction. We will shift lanes to build the guideway and preserve the lanes that are there currently. We do not intend to close lanes permanently and for any temporary lane closure, we will do so at night typically midnight to 4-5 a.m.

**Question:** about Stakeholders, what has the public been saying? What are the public's concerns? How are they being addressed? Curious to know what's been heard from community groups, neighborhood councils, etc.?

*LASRE response:* So far we have letters of support from Sherman Oaks HOA and the Getty Center. UCLA has stated that they want a one seat ride to the campus. The most common questions we have received are regarding the cost, construction timeline, construction schedule and disaster preparedness. All of the questions and our responses are on the SkyRail website. [LosAngelesSkyRailExpress.com](http://LosAngelesSkyRailExpress.com).

**Question:** Is the system electric? Since this is a laborious timeline to put this together, how do you make this relevant 30 years from now? How do you anticipate the technology and infrastructure that will be needed 30 years from now?

*LASRE response:* The system will be electric. In terms of relevance 30 years from now the monorail technology is steps ahead of any other type of technology because of its futuristic forward-looking design. For example, the Disneyland monorail is 40-50 years old but looks very modern and futuristic compared to other forms of mass transit.

**Question:** When do you expect Metro to make a decision?

*LASRE response:* Metro announced the EIR will come out in 2025. There will be a review and comment period and then the decision will come out after that.