

Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project PDA LASRE Briefing – LA City Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Date:	Time:
July 9, 2024	3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Location/Call Info:	
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Attendee List:

Metro	LASRE Project Team
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Community Stakeholders	
Kyle Hickey	
Ashley Reyes – Legislative Deputy	

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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: Can we go back to the rendering of how it would look like on the 405?

LASRE response: {LASRE displayed the requested rendering}

Question: What infrastructure is on the portion that will be at the Van Nuys station?
Are there plans that will significantly impact the surrounding communities?

LASRE response: We made very intentional decisions to not impact communities and to utilize the existing Metrolink or Caltrans right-of-way that has been used for decades.

Question: Are Metrolink and Caltrans on board with this project and dedicating their land to this?

LASRE response: Yes, we've been working in conjunction with them and LA Metro. The Sepulveda Transit Corridor will increase the capacity of the already very congested 405 corridor and increase ridership on multiple lines and multiple services in the area. It's mutually beneficial.

Question: What is your take on why this would be the superior option compared to the other alternatives?

LASRE response: We don't do comparisons out of respect for the other team and what they put together. Of our two alternatives, the one that will be more expensive has an underground portion. We were tasked with giving Metro a variety of options, considering construction timelines, hall routes, etc.

Question: If this project does go far, what role will the City have in terms of approval?

LASRE response: This will be going through the Metro Board, which does have LA City Council representatives sitting on the Board. If this was LA City-funding, it would be going through the Transportation Committee, but since it's County funding, it's going through the LA Metro Board route.