



South Brentwood Residents Association

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Attn: Stephanie Molen (molens@metro.net), Alice Tolar (tolar@metro.net)

Re: Comments on I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project

Dear Ms. Molen and Ms. Tolar:

I am writing on behalf of the Board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association ("SBRA"), which represents approximately 18,000 homeowners and renters who reside in the area south of San Vicente Blvd., north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela Ave. and west of Federal Ave., including all residents living in multi-family dwellings throughout the entire Brentwood community.

The SBRA Board concurs with all of the comments in the letter from the Brentwood Community Council ("BCC") Board on this project:

- 1) Transparency – This project needs to be much more transparent and to give the community the opportunity to weigh in before the DEIR is prepared as has happened with the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project. Given that the BCC meets in South Brentwood, we can publicize any presentation at the BCC to our residents and do not need a separate meeting.
- 2) Oppose freeway widening – We oppose any alternative that requires widening the freeway given our past experience with freeway widening -- great taxpayer expense and inconvenience with no evidence that it reduces congestion.

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- 3) Oppose narrower lanes – We oppose any alternative that requires narrowing lanes on the I-405 freeway in the Sepulveda Pass due to safety concerns.
- 4) Include the impact of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project – Once one the of STC alternatives is built, any incremental benefits of adding Express Lanes may be too low to justify the cost in some or all of the alternatives.
- 5) Delay Express Lanes implementation until after the impact of the STC can be evaluated - Since the STC is scheduled to open in 2035, why open the Express Lanes in 2030? Wait and see what happens rather than spending another \$350 million - \$975 million.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lauren
President
South Brentwood Residents Association

cc: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, City of Los Angeles
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Carolyn Jordan, Chair, Brentwood Community Council
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