

Motion by Director Molina

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Metro is planning to construct a new maintenance of way building at the south portion of the Division 20 maintenance facility to accommodate additional service due to the subway expansion. In 2012, the project was environmentally cleared as a part of the Westside Subway. More recently, the City of Los Angeles unveiled plans for the Sixth Street viaduct replacement project which includes an arts park and performance space as well as a river gateway tunnel connection under the rail yard to the Los Angeles River.

Residents and activists in the Arts District only recently became aware of the proposed maintenance of way building after working collaboratively with the City of Los Angeles on the proposed new park and river access for a number of years. The community has raised concerns about the appropriateness of the new building and its design adjacent to the proposed new park and river access. Metro is now ready to procure a design builder for the maintenance of way building. It is imperative that Metro address the community's concerns prior to selecting a design/build contractor for the project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct the CEO to work with Arts District residents and other stakeholders to identify changes that can be made to the planned maintenance of way building, to ensure that the building compliments the proposed arts park and river walk, and report back to the Board at the November Board meeting.