

Subject: FW: METRO Regional Connectors  
Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2009 12:28 PM  
From: Ann Kerman <kermana@metro.net>  
To: Ginny Brideau <ginny@therobertgroup.com>, Clarissa Filgioun <clarissa@therobertgroup.com>

From: okalax@gmail.com [mailto:okalax@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Masao "Mike" Okamoto, AIA  
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2009 12:16 PM  
To: Kerman, Ann  
Subject: METRO Regional Connectors

Ann,

I am very pleased with the outcome of all the community discussions which are condensed into your 3rd Build Alternative. At the same time, I hope you would keep this on-going dialog with us throughout the whole project. As we keep saying, our community is not so large and trying to put a big foot into small shoe could literally destroy our community. Please advise your engineering team to bring all issues to us if any deviation from originally presented design may require.

Regards,  
Mike Okamoto

Little Tokyo Community Council  
SVP/Japanese Chamber of Commerce

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**Regional Connector Transit Corridor  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement/  
Draft Environmental Impact Report**

**APPENDIX I**



**AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC  
INVOLVEMENT  
2010 Community Response (Post Scoping)**



Subject: FW: [Metro.net] customer comment  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010 10:18 AM  
From: Regional Connector <RSC\_RegionalConnector@metro.net>  
To: Dolores Roybal Saltarelli roybald@metro.net, Clarissa Filgioun clarissa@therobertgroup.com, Ginny Brideau ginny@therobertgroup.com

-----Original Message-----

From: noreply@metro.net [mailto:noreply@metro.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 6:02 PM  
To: Regional Connector  
Subject: [Metro.net] customer comment

Comment from

First Name: Peter  
Last Name: Ricci  
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Hello

I am a huge fan of the metro and love seeing the city get connected. I submitted in the past (aka The Crenshaw line years back) Glad to see my vision is coming to life.

I have drawn up a couple more lines to connect the city - making it more commutable by foot and transit. First off it would great to see the old rail that connected downtown LA to Hollywood again. Maybe now from Staples Center to Hollywood above ground would be great, but if NOT. I have two Future idea's for rails: starting from the Blue line as seen below:

Metro Regional (Optional Line) - Concept by Peter Ricci  
This line is very needed in Los Angeles

Northbound Baby Blue Rail Line Extension: (Future Line Silver Lake/Los Feliz/Glendale)

Stations in order:

1. Can Start From Conceptualized Regional Connector (Map)
2. Grand Ave/3rd St (Courthouse, Moca)
3. Grand Ave/ Caesar Chavez
4. Elysian Park/Stadium Way (Dodgers Stadium)
5. Echo Park/Sunset Blvd. (Echo Park)
6. Glendale Blvd. /Sunset Blvd. (Echo Park)
7. Coronado St. /Sunset Blvd.
8. Silver Lake Blvd. /Sunset Blvd. (Central Silver Lake)
9. Santa Monica Blvd. /Sunset Blvd. (Echo Park)
10. Hollywood Blvd. /Sunset Blvd. (Los Feliz Theatre)
11. Vermont. /Sunset Blvd. (Connector to red line)
12. Vermont./Franklin Ave. (Central Los Feliz)
13. Los Feliz Blvd./Hillhurst Ave. (Shuttle to Greek Theatre)
14. Los Feliz Blvd. /Riverside Dr. (Griffith Park/Tennis courts/Pony rides)
15. Zoo Dr. (Zoo/Museum)
16. Colorado/Pacific Ave (Glendale)

17. Colorado/Brand Blvd. (Americana/Glendale Galleria)
18. Brand Blvd /Wilson Ave. (Downtown Glendale, Theatres, Shops)
19. E. Doran St. /N. Glendale Blvd. (Glendale Plaza Shops)
20. M. Verdugo Rd. /E. Glenoaks Ave (Glendale Plaza Shops)
21. M. Verdugo Rd. /E. Mountain St. (Glendale Community College)

Baby Blue/Orange Phase 2 Rail Line (Future Line Glendale/Burbank)

Stations in order:

Starting at:

1. Colorado/Brand Blvd. (Americana/Glendale Galleria)
2. Brand Blvd /Wilson Ave. (Downtown Glendale, Theatres, Shops)

Phase 2 Begins Here:

1. Brand Blvd /Milford St. (Downtown Glendale, Theatres, Shops)
2. Brand Blvd. /E. Glenoaks Ave (Glendale Plaza Shops)
3. Brand Blvd. / Pacific Ave (Glendale Plaza Shops)
4. Brand Blvd. /E. Grandview Ave (Glendale)
5. San Fernando Rd. /Sonora Ave. (Disney Studios/DreamWorks Studios)
6. San Fernando Rd. /Western Ave. (Disney Studios/DreamWorks)
7. San Fernando Rd. /E. Alameda Ave. (Shopping/Burbank)
8. San Fernando Rd. /E. Verdugo Ave. (Shopping/Burbank)
9. San Fernando Rd. /E. Magnolia Ave. (Downtown Burbank/Theatres/Mall)
10. San Fernando Rd. /Grinnell Dr. (N. Downtown Burbank/Theatres/Mall/high school)
11. San Fernando Rd. /Amherst Dr. (Downtown Burbank/Theatres/Mall)
12. N. Victory Place/W. Empire Dr. (W Burbank/Outlet Mall)
13. N. Buena Vista St /W. Empire Dr. (W Burbank)
14. N. Hollywood Way/Thorton Ave. (Yahoo/Burbank Airport)
15. N. Hollywood Way/Victory Blvd. (Burbank/Bus Connector)
16. Burbank Blvd. /Victory Blvd. (Burbank)
17. Burbank Blvd. /Cahunga Blvd. (Burbank)
18. Vineland Ave/Chandler Blvd. (Connector to Red line/Orange line)

Hope this helps in your planning; look forward to seeing this come to life as well in the NEXT 5 years or less.

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Subject: FW: regional connector  
Date: Monday, February 1, 2010 1:56 PM  
From: Regional Connector <RSC\_RegionalConnector@metro.net>  
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From: Steven Axelrod [mailto:steven.axelrod@gmail.com]  
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2010 3:54 PM  
To: Regional Connector  
Cc: Rise Axelrod; J.B.C. Axelrod  
Subject: regional connector

Dear Ms. Roybal Santorelli:

As a resident living on 2nd Street with his wife, and with a family member living on Santa Fe Avenue, I can tell you that we all three strongly support the subway option for the regional connector.

We very strongly oppose the grade level option. That would slow down the train to the degree that it would be next to useless. Why not just continue on the red or purple line all the way to Union Station and switch there to the Gold Line? It would be simpler and faster, and it would require only one wait for a train instead of two. The grade level option simply doesn't work.

In addition the grade level option will snarl traffic on 2nd even more than it already is snarled. And it is often gridlocked as is. If traffic is diverted, then the parallel streets will be snarled.

The grade level option is absolutely a non-starter. It would further alienate the public from public transit and from city government. A grade level train would predictably be underused and seen by everyone as a colossal waste of money and another governmental mistake.

The subway, on the other hand, will be a civic boon and amenity, and it will be much beloved. The added expense will be forgotten immediately. The amenity will be appreciated forever.

Please--a subway only for the regional connector.

Sincerely,

Steven Axelrod

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From: daveedkapoor@gmail.com [mailto:daveedkapoor@gmail.com] On Behalf Of daveed kapoor  
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 3:47 PM  
To: Regional Connector  
Subject: Fwd: Metro Regional Connector Update

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being relocated to office depot property much better  
link to neighborhood

thank you.  
daveed kapoor  
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Subject: FW: Metro Regional Connector Update  
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2010 10:23 AM  
From: Regional Connector <RSC\_RegionalConnector@metro.net>  
To: Dolores Roybal Saltarelli roybald@metro.net, Ginny Brideau ginny@therobertgroup.com, Clarissa Filgioun clarissa@therobertgroup.com  
Conversation: Metro Regional Connector Update

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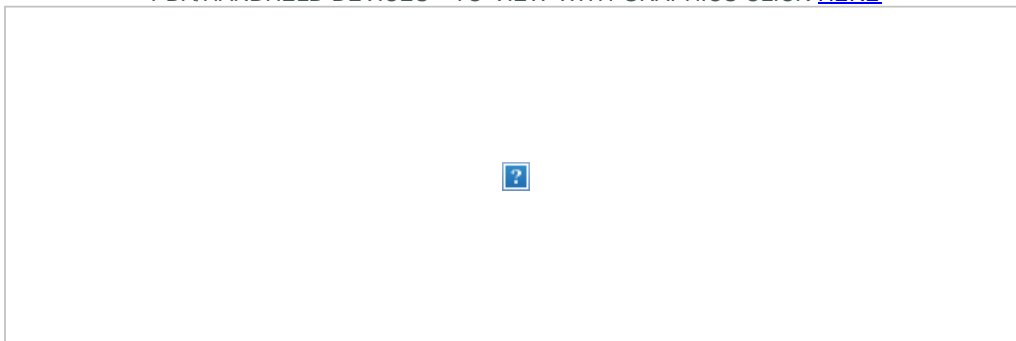
From: daveed Kapoor <daveedkapoor@gmail.com> [mailto:daveedkapoor@gmail.com] On Behalf Of daveed Kapoor  
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 3:47 PM  
To: Regional Connector  
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----- Forwarded message -----  
From: **Ann Kerman** <[kermana@metro.net](mailto:kermana@metro.net)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 1, 2010 at 3:29 PM  
Subject: Metro Regional Connector Update  
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**Regional Connector E-Bulletin – February 2010**

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Happy 2010! We appreciate your valuable input in the [Regional Connector Transit Corridor](#) project thus far. We look forward to your ongoing participation so that we can continue to address issues in a timely way and consider project refinements that are supported by the community.

Latest News

As we move into the second month of 2010, we would like to share some project updates with you. You may recall that Metro has, to date, studied four alternatives as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Report (Draft EIS/R): the required No Build and Transportation Systems Management (TSM) alternatives, as well as an at-grade emphasis alternative via Flower and; 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets with a couplet on Main and Los Angeles Streets, and an underground emphasis alternative under Flower and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets crossing 1<sup>st</sup> and Alameda

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From: Grein, George O. [mailto:GOGrein@lasd.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 8:04 AM  
To: Kerman, Ann  
Subject: RE: Metro Regional Connector Update

Ann,

Your changes to the options were understandable. From a law enforcement perspective we are completely supportive of changing the layout at 1<sup>st</sup> Street & Alameda to an underground station, with no at-grade crossing or underground passage of traffic on Alameda Street. Your challenge will of course be how to minimize disruption to the existing Little Tokyo operation and I am very interested in hearing how that will be phased into the construction schedule.

Thank you for the update,

**George**

**Lt. George Grein (Ret.)**

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Subject: FW: Metro Regional Connector Update  
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 2:48 PM  
From: Ann Kerman <kermana@metro.net>  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Howard A. [mailto:hasmith@lan-inc.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 8:54 AM  
To: Kerman, Ann; Regional Connector  
Subject: RE: Metro Regional Connector Update

"Metro anticipates releasing the Draft EIS/R document during Summer 2010. The Draft EIS/R analysis will include a description of construction processes and potential mitigation measures. A set of public hearings will be scheduled to solicit feedback from the community regarding the findings of the study. The Final EIS/R will be available for community review during Fall 2011, where Metro will again solicit community feedback. The Final EIS/R will designate a Locally Preferred Alternative."

1. With formal addition of a new build alternative scheduled for later this month, do you think there's sufficient time to incorporate all required analyses of that alternative into the Draft EIS/R in time for a summer 2010 release? That seems optimistic.
2. If you're anticipating a Final EIS/R with designation of LPA to be released during Fall 2011, when would you look at the Metro Board formally approving the LPA? When would you look at engineering design commencing for the selected build alternative (the LPA)?

Howard A. Smith, AICP, FITE  
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Subject: FW: Comment on Regional Connector  
Date: Friday, February 5, 2010 9:34 AM  
From: Regional Connector <RSC\_RegionalConnector@metro.net>  
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From: RICHARD STANGER [mailto:stangerr@verizon.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 5:54 PM  
To: Regional Connector  
Subject: Comment on Regional Connector

Dear Metro Staff --

The decision to include a fully grade-separated alternative is a very good one considering that most of Metro's light rail services will use that connector well into the future. It is money well spent.

The underground light rail stations can be made much more user-friendly by dropping the mezzanine level. Patrons will need to go half the distance down to catch the train, day-in, day-out, for decades. The "no mezzanine" design will require side platforms with ticketing at the same level, but outside the faregate array. The streets and sidewalks appear wide enough to allow this. There would also be construction savings from not having to go so deep (as much as 30% per station). This type of design is common in older US systems and in some cities in Europe. The only drawback is that people will have to use the entrance on the other side of the street to travel in the opposite direction, but that would be better, I believe, than having to drop down another level each trip.

Richard Stanger

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Subject: FW: Email list  
Date: Friday, February 5, 2010 9:32 AM  
From: Regional Connector <RSC\_RegionalConnector@metro.net>  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Hays [mailto:sirrah@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2010 9:16 AM  
To: Regional Connector  
Subject: Email list

Hello Regional Connector staff -

Can you please put me on your email list to learn about upcoming meetings, etc? With the approval yesterday of the FEIR for Expo Phase II, I am more and more interested in the progress of your project which will make Expo work so much better.

Thank you.

-- Sarah Hays  
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