

Subject: FW: Regional Connector Project
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:28 AM
From: Regional Connector <RSC_RegionalConnector@metro.net>
To: Ginny Brideau ginny@therobertgroup.com, Clarissa Filgioun clarissa@therobertgroup.com, Dolores Roybal Saltarelli roybald@metro.net

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From: Kenneth Hsu [<mailto:kennthsu@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 6:23 PM
To: Regional Connector
Subject: Regional Connector Project

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Little Tokyo. Since 2006, I have lived in the Savoy located on Alameda and 1st. I have enjoyed living in this area very much especially since it has been developing. It continues to draw businesses and residents. Before, I remember this area to be very run down and barren. I am writing to express my deep concern that the regional connector project will put all this development in peril. The alternative which places above ground trains through First Street into the current Office Depot parking lot is a threat, not only to the community in general, especially to fellow homeowners who have put their hard earned life savings into the Savoy condominium complex. For many like myself, who purchased their unit at the height of the housing bubble, the investment has been very difficult to sustain in the face of the current economic environment. Many fear that the years of construction that the connector would require will further destroy our investment. Furthermore, the neighborhood is developing into a nice, relatively quiet area where pedestrians can walk and enjoy shopping and eating in the Little Tokyo stores and restaurants. The regional connector threatens this character of the community by putting high volume train traffic through the heart of the neighborhood.

I implore you, PLEASE FULLY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES WHICH WOULD NOT PUT TRAINS THROUGH THE HEART OF LITTLE TOKYO. I hear that there is a new alternative being considered which would be underground. While this may cost more to build, it would save money by saving a quickly developing community and Los Angeles attraction.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hsu

Subject: FW: RegionalConnector:NewAlternative
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 12:43 PM
From: Regional Connector <RSC_RegionalConnector@metro.net>
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From: Patti DLANC [mailto:patti.berman@dlanc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 11:46 AM
To: Regional Connector; Jackson, Michelle
Subject: RegionalConnector:NewAlternative

To whom it may concern:

My name is Patti Berman And I am the VP of Outreach for the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council.

I appreciate the invitation to your meeting tomorrow, but I will be unable to attend. So, I just wanted to put in my two cents.

I want to put support strongly in favor of the fully grade-separated alternative for the Regional Connector. We are working hard to make downtown pedestrian and bike friendly. Keeping the trains below grade as much as possible fits into this model.

Thank you for keeping DLANC informed.

Patti Berman

Subject: Letter of Commendation & Appreciation from LTCC
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 1:21 PM
From: June Berk <Ltccjb@aol.com>
To: Arthur Leahy LEAHYA@metro.net
Cc: Ann Kerman kermana@metro.net, Ginny Brideau ginny@therobertgroup.com

To: Arthur Leahy
cc: Ann Kerman, Metro
cc: Ginny-Marie Brideau, The Robert Group

Dear Mr. Leahy,
Attached is a scanned copy of the letter that was sent to you in the mail today. Please note that the date on the scanned copy is not correct.
The original letter is dated February 24, 2010, which is correct.

Thank you very much.
Sincerely
June Berk
818-400-3273



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November 24, 2009

Mr. Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Commendation & Appreciation

Dear Mr. Leahy:

On behalf of the Little Tokyo community, the Board of Directors of the Little Tokyo Community Council, an organization of over 100+ businesses, resident associations, religious and educational institutions and community-based organizations, would like to commend and thank the Metro Team for their hard work and efforts to develop the concept of the Fully Underground Alternative plan for consideration by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors for the Metro Regional Connector.

At today's meeting, the following motion was adopted by the Board of Directors:

MOTION

The Board of Directors commend and applaud the efforts of the Metro staff and the consultants for developing the concept plans of the Fully Integrated Alternative for the Regional Connector, for consideration by the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors.

The LTCC Board of Directors thank the Metro staff for listening to the concerns of the community; for creating the option specifically in response to the community's concerns by developing a conceptual plan that would clearly eliminate the at-grade train crossings at First Street and Alameda Street.

"The Little Tokyo Community Council is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) which has 90+ member organizations whose mission is to ensure that Little Tokyo would be a viable center for the Japanese American community and the Los Angeles Downtown community. The Council shall work to create a vision of what Little Tokyo should be in the future and serve as an advocate on behalf of the Little Tokyo community."

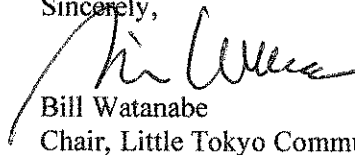
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We wish to express our deep appreciation for the Metro Team's hard work and sensitivity to the community. In particular:

Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Metro Project Manager
Ann Kerman, Metro Constituent Project Manager
Ray Sosa, CDM Consultants
Virginia Jackson, CDM Consultants
Ginny-Marie Brideau, Project Manager, The Robert Group
Clarissa Filgioun, The Robert Group

We are looking forward to continuing to work with the Metro Team on this option, which we hope will be added to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (Draft EIS/R) by the MTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Bill Watanabe
Chair, Little Tokyo Community Council

cc: Dolores Roybal Saltarelli
Ann Kerman
Ray Sosa
Virginia Jackson
Ginny-Marie Brideau
Clarissa Filgioun

cc: LTCC Board of Directors:
Alan Kumamoto, 1st Vice Chair, Kumamoto Associates
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Mike Okamoto, Co-Secretary, Asian American Architects & Engineers Assoc.
Kei Nagao, Co-Secretary, J-Town Voice
Eric Kurimura, Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
Chris Aihara, Past Chair, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center
Tom Kamei, Past Chair, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. CA
Noriaki Ito, Past Chair, Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple
Howard Nishimura, Past Chair, Tokyo Villa Homeowners Association
Craig Ishii, Japanese American Citizens League
Goro Endo, Union Church of Los Angeles
Ken Kasamatsu, Pacific Commerce Bank
Brian Kito, Fugetsu-do and Little Tokyo Public Safety Association
Jeff Liu, Visual Communications
Tatsushi Nakamura, Japanese Prefectural Association
Wilbur Takashima, Little Tokyo Teramachi Owners Association
Satoru Uyeda, SK Uyeda Investments
Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Japanese Community Pioneer Center
Akemi Kikumura Yano, Japanese American National Museum
Evelyn Yoshimura, Little Tokyo Residents Association

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From: Darryl Garibay [mailto:dagaribay@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 9:04 AM
To: Regional Connector; Jackson, Michelle
Subject: RegionalConnector:NewAlternative

MTA:

I will be unable to attend the Board meeting this morning, but wanted to make a brief statement for the record as a business person in Little Tokyo.

I am in support of the MTA continuing on with their study of the "All Underground/3rd Build Alternative" alternative for the Regional Connector. I am hopeful that the Board will vote to allow that study to move forward and become an official part of the options that are being considered by the MTA.

Thank you,

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From: Linda Blakeman [mailto:linda@emseminars.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:00 AM
To: Regional Connector; Jackson, Michelle; Kerman, Ann
Subject: RegionalConnector:NewAlternative

Hi Ann,

We spoke awhile back about the need for green space in the Little Tokyo area that would include a park for children. As you know, there are many young, growing families at the Savoy, Mura, and other condo complexes in the area. As an educator with over 20 years experience, I am concerned that the needs of children have been overlooked in the redevelopment of Little Tokyo and the Arts District.

Currently, many young couples who invested in this area (especially at Savoy) are now upside down in their mortgages; and are having to live longer in their units until the market turns again. This means that for the next 10 years, we will be seeing more young children in the area. This is good for the growth of the community, but with that growth, adjustments need to be made.

We need a safe place where children can play and young parents can congregate in the community. It should have green space, but could be carefully designed to include shopping and eateries. All parking should be underground. A Japanese garden would enhance the area and create a welcoming place for the community to walk to. Efforts in design must be made to modernize and enhance the feel of the Little Tokyo/ Arts District community, and not distract from it.

I would be happy to get signatures, as there is growing interest and excitement about this proposal. We may also want to consider space for a preschool and/or creative arts charter school.

I would be happy to do the necessary preliminary work and present this request to the board meeting next month.
(I could come today, too, if necessary.)

Thank you for all that you are doing to listen to the concerns and needs of the community.

Respectfully,

Linda Blakeman
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Subject: FW:

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 5:28 PM

From: Regional Connector <RSC_RegionalConnector@metro.net>

To: Ginny Brideau gabby@therobergroup.com, Clarissa Filgioun clarissa@therobergroup.com

From: Ochoa, Harold [<mailto:HOchoa@mednet.ucla.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 1:31 PM

To: Regional Connector

Subject:

I think the plans are great , once the phase that goes to ucla, I won't be needing my car any longer, the gold line its away from my home. Thanks metro.

Harold Ochoa

Adm. Assistant.

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Subject: FW: [Metro.net] customer comment
Date: Monday, April 19, 2010 9:51 AM
From: Regional Connector <RSC_RegionalConnector@metro.net>
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-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@metro.net [mailto:feedback@metro.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2010 11:49 AM
To: Regional Connector
Subject: [Metro.net] customer comment

Comment from

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URL:

Previously I attended one of your meeting regarding the metro system and the regional connector transit corridor. I still feel that it is highly unwise to have a rail system to run on surface. With a higher density population in downtown the metro it will worsen the traffic. In Pasadena where I live the decision to have railroad crossing on street level it is worsen traffic backing up lines of cars on the boulevards and creating more pollution from the cars exhaustion. Reconsider your decision looking at the future.

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

APPENDIX I



**AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC
INVOLVEMENT
Public Agency Meeting Matrix (Post Scoping)**

Regional Connector Transit Corridor Post-Scoping Agency Meetings

Date	Agency Meeting
June 10, 2009	Los Angeles Department of Transportation
June 18, 2009	City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
June 30, 2009	Technical Advisory Committee
July 1, 2009	Los Angeles County Department of Power and Water and Flood Control
July 22, 2009	Little Tokyo Planning and Cultural Preservation Committee
July 22, 2009	Los Angeles Conservancy
August 6, 2009	Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
August 13, 2009	Central City East Arts District
September 2, 2009	Los Angeles Department of Historic Resources
October 22, 2009	Technical Advisory Committee
November 4, 2009	Elected Officials Briefing
December 1, 2009	Los Angeles Department of Transportation
February 8, 2009	MTA Operations
March 16, 2010	Los Angeles Department of Transportation
March 24, 2010	Elected Officials Briefing
April 8, 2010	Technical Advisory Committee

