



Dear Members of the Los Angeles Metro Board,

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County strongly supports connecting the San Fernando Valley and the Westside with a new rail line. [LWV California Transportation Policy](#) supports transit that lowers VMT, is efficient, convenient, and cost effective; is safe and secure; serves all segments of the population and diverse geographic needs; minimizes harmful effects on the environment; and is integrated with land use.

In selecting among options for this project, we urge Metro to prioritize the following criteria:

- Easy connections to the Purple and Expo lines.
- A stop at UCLA, the most popular destination on the Westside
- No stops on freeways as in alternatives #1, #2, #3
 - Freeway stops do not directly connect to communities or destinations
 - Freeway boarding platforms expose riders to unsafe levels of noise and pollution
- Compatible with existing rail stock
 - Metro already runs light and heavy rail. It would be unnecessarily expensive and complicated to run a third type of rail car
- Minimize disruptions to local communities

We believe that out of the six alternatives mentioned in [The Source blog of November 30, 2021](#), #4, #5 and #6 conform to these criteria.

We ask that you only consider alternatives #4, #5 and #6 going forward.

Thank you,

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Fatima Malik

President

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