



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Community Impact Statement



TITLE: [WRAC: Oppose Location Change of UCLA STC Stop](#)

COMMITTEE: Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (TI&S) Committee

POSITION: Support STC Project; Oppose New Location for UCLA Stop

THE MOTION: **"The Mar Vista Community Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (STCP), including an on-campus UCLA Station located at UCLA Gateway Plaza, near the center of campus, as described in the STCP Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). We do not support changing the location of the UCLA Station to the intersection of Gayley Avenue and Strathmore Drive, at the far west end of campus, or to any other location on the UCLA campus that has not been studied and analyzed by Metro in accordance with CEQA."**

BACKGROUND:

Gateway Plaza truly is the best location for the STC Project UCLA Campus station because it is a primary transit stop and designated transit hub. The Bruin Bus provides important connections around the campus and Medical Center for passengers disembarking at this station. Gateway Plaza also provides connections to the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, the Culver City Bus and Long Beach Transit Route 405. The location is at the center of the UCLA Campus. The sidewalks in this area have been improved and meet ADA standards for width, slope, firmness, stability and passing space. Other first mile-last mile mobility options, like rental bikes and scooters, are also available here. The concern being raised by UCLA regarding the Gateway Plaza stop primarily stems from temporary construction impacts. Employing temporary mitigation measures are a more reasonable solution to the concerns raised vs. relocating the station.

In contrast, the space being designated at the corner of Strathmore Dr. and Gayley Ave. is not ideal because: It sits at the western edge of campus, further away from the rest of campus, on undeveloped land near fraternity row, off-campus apartments and the UCLA dormitories. Gayley Ave. is the ambulance route from the North and South to the UCLA Ronald Reagan Hospital Emergency Department. UCLA's Cogeneration Utility Distribution Plant, with its underground methane tanks and methane pipeline, is located near this intersection. There are ADA accessibility issues, due to poor sidewalk conditions, inconsistent crosswalks, and steep slopes.

Since the Planning and Feasibility Study phase of the STC Project which began in 2017, Metro has been working with UCLA to identify a location for the station on its campus. The purpose of the current Environmental Review Phase of the Project is to release a draft Environmental



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Impact Study (DEIR) "to inform decision-makers and the public about the potential significant environmental impacts of constructing and operating the Project. This DEIR is an informational public document that discloses any significant environmental impacts of the Project as well as identifies ways to reduce or avoid their effects on the environment." Page ES-3, Executive Summary, STC Project DEIR

DIRECTED TO: Public Works Committee

Supervisor Lindsey Horvath

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ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC T&I Committee meeting, December 3, 2025

Motion of support moved by Jakob, seconded by April

Motion of support approved by MVCC TI&S Committee 6-0-0

MVCC Board Meeting, ___, 2026

Motion of support moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX