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## Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association General Public Comment for April 23, 2020 Metro Board of Directors Meeting (2020-0305)

At the April 16, 2020 Metro Executive Management Committee meeting (Item 39), Metro noted that a financial analysis on planned transit projects is underway with a reconciling presentation at the Metro Board meeting in either May or June 2020. The analysis includes the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project – the most critical transit project between the San Fernando Valley and Westside – and eventually LAX.

In late October 2019, Metro RFP PS66773 requested proposals for Pre-Development Services for the project. Up to four industry consortia are expected to propose innovative concepts using public-private partnership agreements. Some of these innovative concepts may significantly reduce project cost and/or schedule, allowing completion well below planned Metro budgets and in time for the 2028 Olympics. Metro has been unable to make any information about these concepts available to the public because of California procurement blackout rules.

In late March, Metro RFP Amendment 10 postponed the due date for innovative concept proposals from April 20<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This means that accurate cost and schedule information for the innovative concepts will not be available for the Metro financial analysis or the reconciling presentation to the Board. SOHA is concerned that the unavailability of such cost and schedule information will bias Metro Board decisions on the Sepulveda Pass project, potentially resulting in project delays, selection of overly expensive concepts, and/or incorrect selection of unacceptable Metro concepts HRT3 or MRT1 with elevated tracks above Sepulveda Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley. Both the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association and the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council vehemently oppose Metro concepts HRT3 and MRT1.

SOHA requests an immediate written Metro response explaining how their financial analysis will employ accurate, up-to-date cost and schedule information for the innovative Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project concepts to ensure equitable financial analysis and decisions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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