



Draft Minutes

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Meeting of Ad Hoc Committee on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor DEIR
Monday July 28, 2025 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Irene Sandler, Co-Chair	X		Jamie Hall, Co-Chair	X	
Pamela Pierson	X		Michael Kemp	X	
Aaron Lawrence	X		Leslie Weisberg	X	
Patricia Templeton		X	Nickie Miner	X	
Jonathan Brand		X	Robert Schlesinger	X	
			Travis Longcore <i>ex officio</i>		X

Co-Chair Jamie Hall called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the STC DEIR. He noted that Member Irene Sandler and he are co-chairs of this committee. Following the salute to the flag, Co-Chair Hall called the roll with quorum met. Co-Chair Hall introduced the purpose of the meeting of the hoc committee comprised of members of both the PLU and Traffic committees is to look at the proposal and the alternatives, and once done, develop a discussion of what our letter to Metro might be and might contain.

He noted that the first meeting on this, held by the PLU Committee last Monday, July 21st, discussed the alternatives, with the presentation by Bob Anderson of Sherman Oaks HOA (SOHA). The second meeting tonight is to discuss impacts associated with other institutions impacted by the project, and that we would be hearing from Mary-Elizabeth Michaels, Head of Government and Community Affairs, J. Paul Getty Trust.

Co-Chair Hall reminded us that we are not endorsing a particular alternative but were here to learn and gain perspective on the issues that they think are important for the community to understand.

1. General Public Comment:

There were no comments by the public on any topic within the Committee's jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

2. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Sepulveda Transit Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Report

Guest Speaker: Mary-Elizabeth Michaels, Head of Government and Community Affairs, J. Paul Getty Trust **Background:** Full Text of Draft EIR is found online here:

<https://us.planengage.com/sepulvedacorridor/page/home>

Ms. Michaels introduced herself, and related that the Getty supported the Alternative with a stop to the Getty Center. She noted that they are extremely limited to access the Getty Center, including by the number of parking spots available there, and that fast and convenient public transportation would allow more people to attend. She related that we are well into the 90-day public comment period before the deadline. She noted of the different alternatives, she was here to speak on **Alternative 3**, the only one with stops at both the Getty and UCLA. She noted that it is also designed to eventually connect to LAX and provided details of their understanding on how Alternative 3 is different from the others. Questions were asked and answered. Co-Chair Hall thanked her for the institutional perspective.

3. **[7:32 PM] Discussion of Planning, Procedures and Priorities of the Ad Hoc Committee**
Post-presentation, the committee held a discussion. Co-Chair Sandler noted that she thinks we have individual interest for our communities, and the communities represented here are mainly from Sepulveda to Benedict Canyon but that doesn't mean this wouldn't affect other people in other canyons but they are not here. She didn't want anything so general that the individual communities couldn't speak up.

Member Weisberg responded that Dr. Longcore said we can see whether we can write about the areas we represent. Co-Chair Hall noted that he learned a lot from the presentation on the intersection between a major stop and the planning implications. He noted that she brought up an interesting point: How do you *not* have a stop at the Getty?

Hall noted that the EIR needs to analyze the consequences of possible development within a half mile of the development in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). He noted that there will be some developer that chooses to do this, increasing density within the VHFHSZ, which we need to point out. He bets they haven't discussed it fully in the EIR and that is a viewpoint we can express without saying we support one alternative over another. Member Kemp would say that there should *not* be high density development in VHFHSZs. Hall noted that there is an evacuation issue; where there is increased capacity without cars, asking how they get out. Weisberg recalls hearing about seven (7) miles of no egress, also asking how we can get out. This led to discussion of the possible impacts of SB79 building high rises in VHFHSZs if the bill should pass. Member Miner added that the issue of an escape hatch is often bypassed and wondered where these pieces of transportation will be held. She opined that it will make a big mess wherever it is and asked about eminent domain.

Hall began a list on the shared screen, taking notes on the main topics to include in the DEIR comment letter. Co-Chair Hall noted that he and Dr. Longcore will discuss evaluating the DEIR. Future guests include UCLA and Fred Rosen, and will be scheduled.

Co-Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM to return Monday August 4th at 6:30 PM.

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