



Mar Vista Community Council

Updated Motion on Exposition Light Rail Line

On June 8, 2004, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) passed the following motion:

The MVCC approves a complete Exposition Light Rail Line connecting Downtown Los Angeles to the Westside and Downtown Santa Monica using the existing MTA right of way along Exposition Blvd., and the MVCC urges the MTA to immediately fund a new draft EIR for the completion of Phase II.

Whereas, in response to continuing developments in the MTA planning process, the MVCC recognizes the need to update and expand its prior motion,

The MVCC, a Los Angeles City Neighborhood Council representing the residents and businesses of the greater Mar Vista region (between Venice and Palms, and between Rancho Park and Culver City), therefore urges the MTA to develop an Exposition Light Rail Line connecting Downtown Los Angeles to Downtown Santa Monica that:

- 1) Is most effective in encouraging ridership and in reaching its maximal long-term value as an asset to Los Angeles County's economic and transportation infrastructure**
- 2) Uses the Flower Street routing, instead of the Hill Street routing, to connect USC to Downtown Los Angeles because the Flower Street routing eliminates two unnecessary turns and establishes a significantly quicker rail connection to the Downtown region**
- 3) Includes an elevated station at the Exposition Rail Line Phase I terminus at the busy Venice/Robertson intersection in Culver City, in that every potential Phase II routing will require a grade separation at that intersection to enhance speed and safety for both rail and automobile commuters**
- 4) Utilizes grade separations whenever possible to ensure speed and safety for the Exposition Light Rail Line and any intersecting traffic arterials on both Phase I and Phase II**
- 5) Uses the existing MTA right of way along Exposition Blvd. for Phase II and immediately funds a new draft EIR for the completion of Phase II**
- 6) Includes any mitigations for an Exposition Light Rail Line Phase II that addresses the concerns of residents in Mar Vista, Palms, Cheviot Hills, Rancho Park, Culver City, and other Westside neighborhoods affected by this future rail line**