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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Mr. Peter Carter  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Environmental Impact; SCH# 2021110432

Dear Mr. Carter,

After thorough review of the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, I would like to share the following concerns on behalf of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Southern Division. For background purposes, my responsibilities include oversight of all State and County roadways within Los Angeles County, as it relates to traffic safety, congestion relief and enforcement of the California Penal Code and Vehicle Code. Our mission as an agency is to prevent and minimize the loss of life, injuries and property damage. As such, I have identified significant potential impact to public safety based on proposed projects:

Alternative 1, 2 and 3 – Monorail with aerial alignment in Interstate 405 (I-405) corridor.

With all the alternative proposals listed above, the monorail guideways are described as being “entirely aerial and generally located within the I-405 right of way.” Such projects that would be expected to last several years, from start to finish, will without a doubt pose a tremendous visual hazard, reduce traffic lanes/traffic flow capabilities and impose numerous changes to the known traffic pattern in the area. Currently, the Sepulveda corridor already experiences some of the heaviest traffic flow and congestion related traffic incidents in L.A. County. Such a significant project would intensify commute times, contribute to higher collision counts and more importantly, impact the motoring public’s safety.

Additionally, the proposal to place all stations, the guideway and passenger platforms along the side of the 405 freeway would aggravate current challenging traffic conditions throughout the entire corridor. Notable contributors for my concerns are that the Sepulveda corridor consists of significant roadway curvature, changes in traffic patterns and elevation changes simultaneously. Distraction of existing high-profile visual hazards such as the Federal Building, The Getty Center/Monorail and L.A. National Cemetery, for example, challenge motorists that much more.



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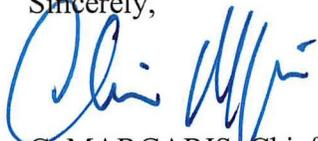
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Please note this feedback is only a simple overview of the CHP's concerns, based solely on the condensed project summaries. My staff and I can provide more detailed established data if you require additional information.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share public safety concerns. Feel free to contact my Administrative Assistant, Lieutenant José Nuñez, for any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Margaris". The signature is stylized and cursive.

C. MARGARIS, Chief  
Southern Division