

Honorable Chair and Members
of the Transportation Committee
City Hall
Torrance, California

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Transportation Committee – Supplemental Materials #1 for Item 5B

After the publication of the staff report for the above agenda item, staff received additional correspondence from members of the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: A) Public Correspondence

From: William Reynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 11:53 AM
To: Kaji, Jon [REDACTED]; Mach, David [REDACTED]; Poirier, Rebecca
[REDACTED]
Subject: Torrance Transportation Committee Meeting

Councilmember Kaji:

As a cultured person, why would you want to deny other cultured residents of Torrance from getting to the airport more easily to travel the globe, or to visit other more local cultural districts, museums, events, and venues, via the C-line extension?

Please do not take any action that eventually could take that opportunity away from Torrance residents, and especially the next generation of Torrance residents. Do not deny them easier access to learn about other peoples and cultures of the globe, due to fear of the unhoused, with the ulterior motive of increasing the isolation of Torrance from the "other" that lives elsewhere in Los Angeles County.

Please do not pander to the less educated voter of Torrance. You do not really want to appear to be part of that crowd.

Have faith that the Torrance Police Department will ably prepare for, and respond to any situation at the Torrance Transit Center. That is what they get paid for, including their generous pensions. Let Torrance Police Department work in combination with efforts being considered by larger Los Angeles jurisdictions, such as a new transit security force. Let Torrance be part of that solution, and not regress to a past that smacks of red-lining, and xenophobia.

Thank You

Bill Reynolds

From: Christian Horvath [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Mach, David [REDACTED]
Subject: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Honorable Members of the Transportation Committee,

As a former colleague of yours in a neighboring city who spent the past 8 years working intimately on Transportation at the local, sub-regional and state level, and now as a resident in West Torrance, I strongly encourage you to continue the City of Torrance's support of the C-Line extension and discontinue the idea of a "no-build" option.

As elected officials, you are faced with a variety of resident concerns and issues. Stemming traffic and creating improved rail connectivity to the rest of LA County has been and should continue to be a priority for this committee and the entire City Council. Any concerns regarding safety should be viewed in the context that Metro, the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Sheriff have all recently spoken on implementing greater security within the light rail and bus systems. The intent is to ensure all residents are safe and comfortable while using public transportation.

The C-line extension has been on the books for decades and is long overdue. The South Bay has been a "donor" region in implementing projects throughout the County. Over the past 8 years, we have fought to bring those dollars back to the South Bay and you can see them being implemented in every city, especially Torrance. This project is no different and requires real leadership to see it to fruition.

The City of Torrance has also received millions of dollars in funding specific to the creation of your new transit center as a result of the C-line extension. It would be shameful to see the General Fund drained of financial resources to unnecessarily repay those monies.

The largest city in the South Bay should stand strong and lead the way in bringing one-seat rides to LAX, the Expo line and eventually the Hollywood Bowl. It should also be working collaboratively with the above-mentioned agencies to address any stated concerns regarding safety. Residents want and need public transportation options. As previously stated, the South Bay is long overdue for this major investment. Other cities are watching your actions and simply chomping at the bit to re-allocate these funds to projects outside the South Bay and

Torrance.

I would be happy to provide each of you with any knowledge or insight I have gained in recent years, but as your constituent, I humbly request you stay the course and see the C-Line extension to completion.

with gratitude,

Christian Horvath

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From: Debbie Hays <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 5:18:49 PM
To: Mach, David [REDACTED] Turner, Kim [REDACTED]
Subject: Discover Torrance - Transportation Committee Meeting - Input

Torrance Transit - C-Line Extension

Good afternoon to you Councilman Kaji, Councilman Mattucci, and Councilwoman Lewis!

I'm sending you a letter rather than attending the Transportation Committee Meeting in person, as tomorrow is Rock Around the Block, and I can only be so many places at once in my poodle skirt.

I'm writing to ask for your support in consideration of the C-Line Extension to Torrance. I'm aware there has been recent media attention highlighting homelessness at the end-of-line station in Santa Monica, which, perhaps has ignited thoughts of withdrawing your support for this project.

However, with Torrance being one of the safest cities in the U.S., our Police Department, City Staff, and City Council are earnestly providing outreach and resources to the homeless with the end goal of assisting residents during their greatest hour of need rather than enacting a not-in-my-backyard attitude. I'm certain the management of the homeless situation will continue with full support of our City Council..

Our new state-of-the-art Transit Center has 24-hour security – maintaining a safe and welcoming destination for locals and tourist travelers, alike. It would be a shame to lose grant funding and future investments our Director of Transit has so energetically pursued and secured for this transport hub.

Having light rail in Torrance would not only be another selling point in attracting tourism to Torrance, it's also an enticement our Economic Development Office can use as they actively seek to attract today's workforce who like to travel "green."

Tourism, as we know, is an economic driver. Having more heads-in-beds in our hotels, means more diners in our restaurants, more shoppers in the mall, more revenue source to fund critical public safety and community services programs and pay for essential public infrastructure improvements to roads, parks, and public facilities in our city.

Public transportation is the wave we should be riding, now, and into the future. Homelessness, with continued backing of the Council, will be effectively managed.

As Kermit the Frog says, "It's not easy being green," but . . . if we all support the C-Line extension, we'll bring more tourism dollars to Torrance and reduce our carbon footprint, together.

Debbie Hays ☺

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From: Liam Walsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 11:45:12 PM
To: Mach, David [REDACTED]
Subject: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Dear Torrance City Council Transportation Committee,

As a member of the South Bay community I strongly urge you to not consider a "no-build" position on the Metro C line extension to Torrance project. Extending the C line will provide numerous benefits to the community in terms of mobility equity, congestion reduction, and air quality improvements. Providing viable alternatives to travel by car is a necessity to reduce our dependency on personal vehicles.

Not only will this link Torrance to many other South Bay cities by rail (alleviating the need to drive everywhere), but this will also build towards longer term goals of having a well-connected Metro system (i.e. further connection to Long Beach) that is a convenient and compelling option for all community members.

I hope the Torrance City Council Transportation Committee will recognize the opportunity this project has to improve mobility in Torrance and throughout the region, and work expeditiously with Metro to implement it.

Best regards,
Liam Walsh

From: Elyse Imamura [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 7:11:15 AM
To: Lewis, Bridgett [REDACTED]; Mattucci, Aurelio [REDACTED];
Kaji, Jon [REDACTED]
Cc: Mach, David [REDACTED]
Subject: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Hello council members Lewis, Mattucci, and Kaji.

I'm writing to express my strong support and hopes of the C Line Extension moving forward.

We live, almost literally across the street from the new bus terminal where the C Line will end meaning walking 5 minutes from our house to public transportation. Currently my family, and other neighbors take the Torrance bus (and use the buses at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center) to Dodger Games, going into Downtown LA, the Hollywood Bowl, etc. but we are still restricted to cars or ubers when needing to go to LAX. This C Line will make things easier for us to get around Los Angeles, and others who use public transportation on a daily basis that have been limited by the lack of public transportation in the South Bay.

I believe the goal is to have the C Line Extension in place by the time the Olympics come to LA in 2028 (or perhaps pushed now to 2030 - 2033). Either way, in 5-8 years Torrance will continue to grow and the need for more revenue into the city will be increasingly important. The extension will not only bring more \$\$ into Torrance, but surrounding cities like Redondo Beach and Lawndale (I know not your municipalities) but the need to work with neighboring cities is becoming more and more necessary and valuable.

My family, one being a 19y college bound son without a car, were incredibly excited to hear about the metro going in so close to our home. Please consider those like me, and those in Torrance who need public transportation, and push this through.

Sincerely
Elyse Imamura