

Transportation Committee Meeting of
July 20, 2023

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

LATE SUPPLEMENTAL

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Transportation Committee – Late Supplementals for Item 5B

Additional public correspondence received prior to the meeting adjournment has been included as Attachment A for your review.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARAM CHAPARYAN
CITY MANAGER



Carlos Huizar
Management Associate

CONCUR:


Aram Chaparyan
City Manager

Attachments: A) Public Correspondence

Huizar, Carlos

From: Matthew Lawrence [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Mach, David
Subject: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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To the Members of the Torrance Transportation Committee,

My name is Matthew Lawrence and I'm a Torrance resident. I am writing in support of the Metro C Line Extension and am in favor of the ROW option. The C line extension will help to reduce the traffic burden on the city and enable workers who are commuting an alternative to being stuck in traffic on the 405. It will also allow residents to get around both the city and the South Bay easier. When we lack alternative modes of transportation we're forced to use cars and sit in traffic particularly during rush hour. With this connection to other regional centers such as Redondo and the transit center in Torrance we can enable residents of the city access to the greater LA region. I think this will become even more necessary as Torrance's population ages and is less able to drive. We should plan for a sustainable future where the city works to ensure quality of living not just in the present but looking ahead. As part of looking ahead, we should realize that if Metro doesn't invest now, it might not connect the train to San Pedro or Long Beach and we may suffer because of that. If we decline funding now there is a serious chance it will be shifted to other areas in the future and Torrance residents and businesses will be worse off for it. Please support the metro C line extension particularly the the Right of Way option as it is the most financially viable.

Thank you,
Matthew Lawrence

Huizar, Carlos

From: Lynne Mori
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:34 PM
To: Mach, David; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett
Subject: C-Line Extension - Transportation Committee Meeting

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Hello,

I'm a Torrance resident in District 1, Councilperson Kaji's district.

I support the C-Line extension, it would be a great opportunity for Torrance residents to have easier access to their daily commutes outside the city, workplaces, colleges, etc., as well as irregular destinations like LAX or other recreational excursions.

It would benefit a lot of households who could consider reducing to a lesser or one care household, if members could depend more on public transportation. That would help households financially a great deal, as owning and maintaining a car is very costly.

Young people are getting their drivers licenses later than in previous generations, and the C-Line would help them get to where they need to go relying less on family driving them or costly services like Uber and Lyft.

I have faith that the Torrance Police Department will be able to ensure that the transit center is a safe place to travel to and from.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Lynne Mori

Huizar, Carlos

From: Brianna Egan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:01 PM
To: Mach, David
Subject: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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Good afternoon Councilmembers Mattucci, Kaji, and Lewis,

I strongly urge you to continue supporting the C-Line extension into Torrance and ask that you not change the city's official position to No Build. This light rail extension has been decades in the planning, with advocates and elected officials from the South Bay actively working to ensure that Redondo and Torrance be included and receive access to regional public rail transportation to which our tax dollars contribute.

The South Bay's limited access to public transit and highways worsens local traffic, and with our cities' housing needs and population increasing, we must ensure that we plan for high-quality public transit that will reduce vehicles on the road and help us meet our climate goals. Young people, like myself, are inclined to use public transit and do not want to be saddled with owning and upkeeping cars if there are better alternatives. I ride transit when I can and look forward to the day that I can ride the C-Line extension directly from Torrance to LAX, or ride transfers to reach So-Fi Stadium, Santa Monica, Culver City, Hollywood, and even one day Long Beach as well. There are countless essential workers who commute every day from other parts of Los Angeles to the Torrance area that would benefit from this.

As the largest city along this extension, a No Build position from Torrance would threaten future transit funding and result in the loss of current grant funding. This would be a devastating decision, setting the region back for many decades. I urge you to think with the future in mind, and not to think myopically and reflexively about current issues in the system that are being addressed and do not have a hold on the long-term benefits of this project. Thank you for listening.

Best regards,
Brianna Egan

Huizar, Carlos

From: Leslie Andrew Ridings
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:41 PM
To: Mach, David
Subject: Please Support The Metro C Line Extension

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To the Members of the Torrance Transportation Committee,

My name is Leslie Andrew Ridings and I am writing in support of the Metro C Line Extension. The C line extension will help to reduce the traffic burden on the city and enable workers who are commuting an alternative to being stuck in traffic on the 405. It will also allow residents to get around both the city and the South Bay easier. When we lack alternative modes of transportation, we're forced to use cars and sit in traffic – particularly during rush hour.

With this connection to other regional centers such as Redondo and the transit center in Torrance, we can enable residents of the city access to the greater LA region. I think this will become even more necessary as Torrance's population ages and is less able to drive. We should plan for a sustainable future where the city works to ensure quality of life not just for current residents but our future neighbors as well. As part of looking ahead, we should realize that if Metro doesn't invest now, it might not connect the train to San Pedro or Long Beach and all of the Los Angeles region will suffer because of that. If we decline funding now there is a serious chance it will be shifted to other areas in the future and Torrance residents and businesses will be left out – and worse off for it.

Please support the metro C line extension.

Thank you,
Leslie Andrew Ridings, Esq.

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Dawn Lowe, [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Mach, David
Subject: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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To Whom it May Concern,

I've lived in Torrance for decades and have witnessed traffic getting worse by the year. Decades ago it was easy to get around the city as well as drive to and from it. Now I grit my teeth every time I get behind the wheel, because I can expect a traffic jam no matter where I go. If I'm just going to the mall I can expect traffic to crawl. If I'm going to Los Angeles, especially LAX, I brace for an hour to two hour commute. These commutes are growing longer too.

My neighbors and other residents are experiencing the same problems. So what's the solution? Supporting the extension of the Metrolink C line!

City council members are always talking about making Torrance a world class city and supporting businesses. World class cities have reliable, fast public transportation.

The Metrolink will allow residents to leave their cars at home while bringing in people who want to shop at Torrance businesses. The result will be less traffic but more customers, a win-win situation.

Every world class city I've been to has swift public transportation to the airport. Yet Torrance lacks a way to get us to LAX. You're aware of the expensive parking as well as the difficulties entering and exiting the airport? Why must our residents suffer because of a few who have unfounded fears of public transportation?

Metrolink will bring a lot of positives to our community. Don't worry about the homeless and crime. I'm sure our police force will be able to handle anything that comes up. I mean we give them half of the city's budget to do their jobs, I'm sure they can deal.

Regards,

Dawn Lowe
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