

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is _____ and I'm a resident/community member urging you to SUPPORT the motion to PAUSE the gondola project and conduct a comprehensive and objective traffic study for Dodger Stadium. No one should be fooled into thinking that the so-called Community Benefits Agreement approved by Metro solved the problems with the gondola project. The CBA is a long list of vaguely worded conditions used to justify approval of a project that the community clearly doesn't want. Our communities need REAL transit solutions to access REAL services, not Frank McCourt's overpriced gondola that serves a private sports venue, and still doesn't have a viable, long term funding plan. The gondola makes no sense as public transit for Dodger Stadium and should be the option of last resort.

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Comments for Public Posting: The images being presented of the gondola cars do not show them flying overhead wrapped in the advertisements as demonstrated via the car shown at Dodger Stadium. These cars, the structures supporting the cables and the stations will be plastered with "naming opportunities" which is another way of saying advertisements. Such messaging is degrading and a blight on our city. Littering our environment with commercial messaging -- and particularly in a parkland environment is simply bad and wrong. Without the ads the gondola will likely be an unsustainable project from a financial point of view. It is already a bankrupt project from the environmental and policy points of view. See attached photo. LA now has bus shelters wrapped in advertisements, billboards to go on our streets and freeways and proposed ad kiosks for our sidewalks. We should be planting trees, not removing them for the gondola!



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Comments for Public Posting: This comment is submitted in full support of Councilmember Hernandez's January 24, 2024 motion to fund and proceed with a much-needed and updated traffic study for the area around Dodger Stadium. Her motion also requests that the City Council suspend any action on approving advancements to the LA-ART / Gondola project contingent upon the results and recommendations of the updated results and recommendations of the updated Dodger Stadium Traffic Assessment. Given the many serious and long-lasting negative impacts of the Gondola Project, it is critical that members of the Council support Councilmember Hernandez's motion. Upon approval of the FEIR by the Metro Board it was made clear that the Project would undergo a full review and evaluation by the City before implementation could be possible. It is therefore incumbent upon the Council to do its due diligence and address the many factors ignored by Metro and the environmental document approved to support implementation of the proposed traffic study before taking any additional actions. The citizens of the City look to the Council to act in harmony with its concerns over global warming and the effects of climate change. The City has embarked upon its tree inventory project acknowledging that Los Angeles is behind on its efforts to preserve and enhance our urban forest and yet will consider the removal of 250 trees from the heart of the City -- where urban warming is a recognized danger. With models such as the Hollywood Bowl bus transportation system already in place City leaders do not have to look far to see potential opportunities to improve traffic demands for Dodger Stadium. I urge you to support your fellow Councilmember Hernandez's motion and to proceed with the traffic study it seeks to implement. The Gondola project does not appear to serve its intended purpose and its negative impacts to the environment and the communities it will impact cannot be overlooked.