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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0011-S4 - Agenda Item Number: 13

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Thu, Oct 17, 2024 at 6:05 PM

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/09/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 10/18/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: Summary: The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council stands with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance in opposing the Gondola (Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit System - LA ART) and wishes to express its gratitude to Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez for her amendment requesting a traffic study, effectively

pausing this project until the city has effectively assessed alternatives to the Gondola. Our council has also expressed opposition to this project in a letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority dated August 18, 2023. This Community Impact Statement is intended to remind the City Council of our complete opposition to the Gondola/LA ART project, in the hopes that alternatives which will serve our neighborhoods and our city in a more robust and thorough way will be duly considered. https://www.ncsa.la/dodger_stadium_gondola

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August 18, 2023

Mr. Cory Zelmer, Deputy Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-22-6
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Zelmer:

Re: LA Aerial Rapid Transit Project: From Dodger Stadium to Union Station through Los Angeles Historic State Park, in Chinatown

We know that the DEIR comment period has closed. However, we want to communicate with you and our new Mayor and Council members representing CD-1 and CD-13, covering immediately-impacted neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Cypress Park, Echo Park, Elysian Heights, Elysian Valley, and Historic Filipinotown, Solano Canyon, and Lincoln Heights, the reasons we oppose this project. We hope you will share this with the Metro Board of Directors.

We are concerned about the proposed Gondola for a number of reasons:

1. Despite being a neighborhood impacted by the Gondola, our Neighborhood Council was never invited for input, briefed on impact, nor considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Report.
2. We do not support projects that gentrify our communities and economically displace our neighbors from their homes, due to increases in property taxes from property value hikes as well as non-Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance protected rents, and inflated costs of living.
3. We are concerned about the social impacts of development and the high cost to the public to provide infrastructure for private development.
4. We are concerned that this Gondola and subsequent development projects on private property around Dodger Stadium would generate economic displacement of low income families.
5. We are concerned that should this Gondola project be approved, the greater public would be priced out of using these Gondola Stations.
6. Will trips be offered at a reduced fare for seniors and students and local residents?

7. We are concerned that parking in impacted neighborhoods would balloon, considering the limited parking space that currently exists in Union Station, Chinatown Station, and Lincoln/Cypress Station, and due to an influx of Gondola users who would opt to drive to Union Station to access this service.

We have many questions over the true public transportation value provided by this Gondola for city residents.

Alternatives: We recommend you consider as a non-driving alternative to the Gondola the construction of sidewalks from Dodger Stadium down Stadium way to Riverside Drive for pedestrians and cyclists. Although this was approved with funding in the Elysian Park Master Plan several years ago, sidewalks still have not been built. Furthermore, we believe that bus lanes which would run through Stadium Way and Academy Road with increased frequency on game days, paired with shuttles that run between bus stops and the stadium's myriad entrances, would encourage Metro usage and drastically decrease automobile traffic.

On August 16, 2023, our Neighborhood Council voted to approve sending this letter (6 Yes; 0 No; 4 Abstentions).

Sincerely,



Carey McDonald, President
Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council