

Communication from Public

Name: LIONEL MARES

Date Submitted: 04/15/2025 07:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0396

Comments for Public Posting: Hon. City Council: As a stakeholder and transit rider within Council District 6, I am urging you to ensure that the Sun Valley Metrolink Station isn't taken away and that the parking-lot be preserved because transit riders like me rely on the Metrolink for public transportation and so do many other people who use the Metrolink at this station. The Sun Valley Metrolink Station needs improvements such as shelters, more trees to provide shade, street lighting repair, and more public transportation to and from the Sun Valley Metrolink Station. It would be helpful if the City Council beautify the Sun Valley Metrolink Station and make it more accessible for transit riders to increase ridership and utilization of the station. The parking lot should be preserved and to increase signage to help increase public utilization of the station. I am concerned that the Sun Valley Metrolink Station will be taken away and many stakeholders like me won't have reliable transportation in Sun Valley. See attachment for further information. Thank you!

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to preparing a study for the Sun Valley Metrolink station.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Krekorian – Lee):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report in regard to:

- a. How the City can partner with Metro and Metrolink to prepare a study for the Sun Valley Metrolink station that analyzes:
 - i. Relocating the Metrolink station to Sunland and San Fernando Road and identify challenges and opportunities for each location in comparison with the existing location with consideration of impacts to Metrolink operations.
 - ii. Improving the Metrolink Sun Valley Station as a multi-modal Transit HUB by improving bus/shuttle service and active transportation as well as the feasibility of adding a second platform in response to the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project.
- b. Available funds that the City can contribute towards the study as described above.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 10, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Krekorian – Lee) relative to preparing a study for the Sun Valley Metrolink station. According to the Motion, the Antelope Valley Line is part of the regions Metrolink commuter rail system and connects Lancaster with Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. The line has several stations in the San Fernando Valley including in Sun Valley in Council District 6. This station has a travel time of 29 minutes to Union Station. Metro and Metrolink are currently working on a \$220 million project to upgrade the Antelope Valley Line which will allow for 30 minute bi-directional headways between Santa Clarita and Union Station. This would be a tremendous upgrade from current service on the line which now only consists of ten trains a day. Sun Valley has a large low income and transit dependent population. Currently, the Sun Valley Metrolink station consists of a single platform and is located in an industrial area far from residents, businesses, and other transit connections. Many Sun Valley residents do not even know that the area has a Metrolink station. In order for Sun Valley to take advantage of the upgrades to the Antelope Valley line, the city should partner with Metro to explore how we can upgrade the Antelope Valley Station to be more of a community asset. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public

comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended.
This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.



Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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Communication from Public

Name: Norma O Chávez

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose to utilizing the Sun Valley Metrolink Station located at 8358 San Fernando Road for interim housing. In June 13, 2023, the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council voted to support CF 23-0338 regarding the preparation to study the Sun Valley Metrolink Station to analyze its possible relocation and/or improvements of the current station. In the community impact statement, SVANC asked that the station remained in CD6 and that improvements be made with the signage at the station, easy access to it, more lighting, parking safety, and affordable fares. SVANC wanted improvements to the station to encourage the use of public transportation. Why is Sun Valley constantly bearing the burden of having to solve the problem of homelessness by creating more and more shelters? We need businesses such as restaurants, departments stores, and supermarkets. Please bring businesses that we can be proud to have in Sun Valley. I am the president of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, but I am speaking on my behalf.

Communication from Public

Name: Mariam M.

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Comments for Public Posting: As a transit rider of the Sun Valley Metrolink station, I strongly oppose this baseless motion. Many essential workers use this station to get back and forth to work. It is disturbing that the marginalized low income community seems to be the sole burden-bearer of interim and other types of "so-called" affordable housing in district 6, overcrowding the community, making it more dysfunctional, cutting down public transportation instead of improving and expanding it, and by doing so, spreading around more poverty, lack, and disproportionate environmental pollution overburden, overpopulation and discriminatory housing conditions without building sustainable infrastructure and attracting investments to support rapidly growing housing population in a struggling, under-resourced and under-invested community. The city promotes public transportation yet approves taking away something as vital as the Sun Valley Metro station that supports not only Sun Valley area but transit riders from all adjacent areas. By promoting public transportation the logical thing to do is to improve the existing infrastructure to increase existing ridership, provide signage, and fully utilize the station, instead of repurposing it, or even worse, converting it to something entirely different. This is much similar to unsubstantiated and meritless campaign of shutting down Whiteman airport - an historical community asset and critical emergency infrastructure. Dear, council, if it ain't broken, don't fix it. It seems that planning decisions in district 6 are made without proper planning background, knowledge, and expertise, and the outcome of such decisions is always devastating to any community, let alone, a low income community of color that is being victimized over and over again as a result of poor planning decisions. People need more means of transportation. The right thing to do is to beautify the station, plant more mature trees to provide shade for commuters, provide street furniture. There are plenty of other places to build interim housing, you don't need to take away the only train station or airport to build interim housing. Why not use the \$300,000 to beautify and improve the station? In addition, this motion is vague, unspecific, and opens the door to many uncertainties.