

Metro Regional Connector LRT Additional Community Briefings

Organization	Date	Location	Project Team Attendance	Attendees
Little Tokyo Community Council	08/13/09	LTSC 231 E 3 rd St Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ann Kerman, Ray Sosa, Ginny Brideau	Bill Watanabe, Lee Aoki, Ron Fong
LAPD, LAFD, LASD	08/06/09	Metro Headquarters One Gateway Plz Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa, Ann Kerman	Vance Bjorkland
Little Tokyo Community Council: Parking, Planning, and Cultural Preservation	07/22/09	JACCC 244 S San Pedro St Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa	Parking, Planning, and Cultural Preservation Committee of the Little Tokyo Community Council
Los Angeles Conservancy	07/22/09	CDM Los Angeles Offices 523 W 6 th St, Ste 400 Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Gerardo Alvarez, Ray Sosa, Monica Villalobos, Kansai Uchida, Helene Kornblatt	Jim Steely, SWCA Francesca Smith, SWCA Cara Corsetti, SWCA Mike Buhler, Los Angeles Conservancy
Japanese American National Museum	07/14/09	JANM 369 W 1 st St Los Angeles	Diego Cardoso, Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa, Monica Villalobos, Ann Kerman, Ginny Brideau	Miyoko Oshima, Nancy Araki, June Burke, Chris Komai
Central City East Association	07/13/09	CCEA Offices 725 S Crocker St Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa, Monica Villalobos, Ann Kerman, Ginny Brideau	Estela Lopez, Qathryn Brehm
Little Tokyo Community Council	07/13/09	JACCC 244 S San Pedro St Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa, Monica Villalobos, Ann Kerman, Ginny Brideau	Chris Aihara
Thomas Properties Group	07/07/09	Thomas Properties Group Offices 515 S Flower 6 th Floor Los Angeles	Robin Blair, Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa, Monica Villalobos, Yara Jasso, Ann Kerman, Ginny Brideau	Thomas Ricci, Glen Berryhill, Jeanet Babauta, Stephen Achorn, Dennis Watsabaugh
Los Angeles County: Public Works Los Angeles County: Flood Control	07/01/09	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works 900 S Fremont Ave Alhambra	Gerardo Alvarez, Eric Carlson, Girish Roy, Ray Sosa, Amanda Elioff, Zafer Mudar	Tsuji, Masashi Tsujii (LACDPW); Allen Ude (LACDPW); Ed Torran (LAC Flood Control); Amir Zandig (LACDPW); Bill Bowers (LACDPW)

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City of Los Angeles: Public Works: Bureau of Engineering	06/18/09	Metro Headquarters One Gateway Plz Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa, Gerardo Alvarez, Monica Villalobos, Virginia Wade, Lana Terry, Zafer Mudar	Curtis Tran, Calvin Chow, Farid Naguib
City of Los Angeles: Transportation	06/10/09	Metro Headquarters One Gateway Plz Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Girish Roy, Gerardo Alvarez, Ray Sosa, Monica Villalobos	Kang Hu, Calvin Chow, Tom Carranza
University of Southern California	05/22/09	USC 665 Exposition Blvd Los Angeles	Diego Cardoso, Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa	David Roberts, David Galaviz, Bing Cherrie
Go For Broke	05/11/09	HMC Architects 633 W 5 th St 3 rd Fl Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa, Zapher Mudar	Raymond Pan, Diane Tanaka, Edward Avila
Little Tokyo Community Council	05/05/09	JANM 369 W 1 st St Los Angeles	Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ann Kerman, Yvette Rapose, Gerry Alvarez, Laura Conejo, Ray Sosa, Monica Villalobos, Yara Jasso, Clarissa Filgioun	Executive Board of LTCC
Bringing Back Broadway	05/04/09	CCA Offices 626 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles	Ginny-Marie Case	Bringing Back Broadway Streetcar Committee
Little Tokyo Community Council	04/28/09	JANM 369 W 1 st St Los Angeles	Ann Kerman, Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Ray Sosa	Little Tokyo Community Council

**Regional Connector Transit Corridor
Draft Environmental Impact Statement/
Draft Environmental Impact Report**

APPENDIX I



**AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC
INVOLVEMENT
2009 Community Response (Post Scoping)**

Subject: FW: Regional Connector Transit Corridor
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 4:38 PM
From: Regional Connector <RSC_RegionalConnector@metro.net>
To: Clarissa Filgioun clarissa@therobertgroup.com, Ginny-Marie Brideau ginny@therobertgroup.com

fyi

From: Massicci, Lou [mailto:Lou.Massicci@hmhpub.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 10:08 AM
To: 'regionalconnector@metro.net'; Roybal, Dolores
Subject: Regional Connector Transit Corridor

To whom it may concern:

As I am unable to attend the numerous "public scoping" meetings to give input on the proposed Corridor, I'd like to provide my perspective.

As a businessman who frequently travels in Los Angeles County I oppose any surface transportation being added to the already congested streets.

The corridor is not only essential; it is most welcome, and long overdue!

However, let's keep in mind that the already overstressed streets and freeways cannot support any added transportation and that includes the Connector.

The Connector must be built underground.

Let's keep the noise, the congestion away from our already congested streets and freeways.

Thanks for your careful attention to my input.

Lou Massicci, District Manager, K-12
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Holt Mc Dougal
(559) 324-8101
Please note my email has changed to lou.massicci@hmhpub.com

Subject: FW: Regional Connector Scoping Comment
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 2:41 PM
From: Regional Connector <RSC_RegionalConnector@metro.net>
To: Dolores Roybal Saltarelli roybald@metro.net, Monica Villalobos villalobosma@cdm.com, Ginny-Marie Brideau ginny@therobertgroup.com, Clarissa Filgioun clarissa@therobertgroup.com

[A late comment....](#)

Ann Kerman

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Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

From: Daveed Kapoor [mailto:daveedkapoor@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Regional Connector
Subject: Regional Connector

Regional Connector Proposal does not adequately serve the south and east edges of the plan area.

Increase Frequency of service on the 60 and 760 Bus line. No wait more than 12minutes 24/7.

This will serve 7th street, the south edge of the plan area.

Small, Frequent Shuttle Service from 7th to 1st should be studied. Attached is a quick sketch using google maps. Some arrows are incorrectly oriented. This blue loop, with 3 or 4 small shuttles running 24/7 would be an economic stimulus to the city.

Subject: FW: I have a question/comment about the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study
Date: Friday, October 9, 2009 2:37 PM
From: Kerman, Ann <KERMANA@metro.net>
To: Ginny Brideau ginny@therobertgroup.com

Please add to mailing list.

Ann Kerman

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From: Webmaster
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 1:37 PM
To: Kerman, Ann
Subject: I have a question/comment about the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study

firstName: George
lastName: Takayama
organization:
emailAddress: george_takayama@yahoo.com
streetAddress:
city:
state:
zipCode:
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009
Time: 01:36:57 PM

comments:

Please update your website with the meetings that you have been having with the communities. Also as promised during your meetings with the communities, upload the presentations so it would be

available to view on the website. I'm sure you have had numerous meetings from the last updated May 2009.

Subject: FW: I have a question/comment about the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study

Date: Friday, November 6, 2009 4:25 PM

From: Ann Kerman <kermana@metro.net>

To: Ginny Brideau <ginny@therobertgroup.com>, Clarissa Filgioun <clarissa@therobertgroup.com>

Please check if we have him on the mail list.

Thanks!

Ann Kerman

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From: Webmaster

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 7:03 PM

To: Kerman, Ann

Subject: I have a question/comment about the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study

firstName: Kenneth
lastName: Hsu
organization:
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streetAddress: 100 S. Alameda St., 315
city: Los Angeles
state: CA
zipCode: 90012
Date: Monday, August 31, 2009
Time: 07:03:25 PM

comments:

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident at the Savoy Condominium Complex located on Alameda Street and 1st Street. As a resident, I am deeply concerned about the impact that the Regional Connector Project will have on our property and on our neighborhood. We who live in the Little Tokyo area have been enjoying a period of revival and development. It is area characterized by residential developments, small restaurants, shops, and speciality stores. It attracts people from across Southern California. However, the Regional Connector Project, in removing the businesses in the Office Depot block area and replacing it instead with heavy construction, and later continually running trains endangers the character of the neighborhood we live in and enjoy. Please inform me if I am wrong and take this view into consideration. Thank you.

DANIEL K. INOUE
HAWAII

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September 18, 2009

**The Honorable Ara Najarian
Chairman
Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012**

Dear Chairman Najarian:

It has come to my attention the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has initiated an environmental process associated with development of a proposed "Regional Connector" project.

My office has been informed that the proposed route for the project includes the Los Angeles Little Tokyo community with the transit project potentially constructed adjacent to the Japanese American National Museum and the proposed Nissei Center project. The purpose of this letter is to state my strong interest in this environmental process being conducted by Metro, and its direct relationship to the integrity of the Little Tokyo community and the operational future of the Museum.

The Japanese American National Museum is the first museum in the United States dedicated to sharing the experience of Americans of Japanese ancestry as an integral part of the United States history. In addition, the National Museum was established in Los Angeles to preserve the rich heritage and cultural identity of Japanese Americans.

Currently, I have the honor to serve as a member of the Board of Governors of the National Museum. My close friend, The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation is currently the Chairman of the Board of Governors. We both view the Museum as a national icon and a cultural cornerstone of the Little Tokyo community.

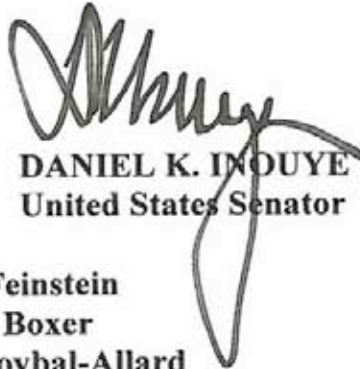
The Honorable Ara Najarian
September 18, 2009
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As Metro moves forward with the environmental process for the Regional Connector, I strongly urge the Authority to be responsive to concerns and ideas of both residents and businesses located in Little Tokyo. At the same time, please consider the unique characteristics and compelling historic significance of the Japanese American National Museum.

Further, I would greatly appreciate it if you would keep me fully informed regarding key milestones of this Metro managed project development process. If you have any questions about this communication or my request, please contact Lori Hamamoto of my staff at (202) 224-6628.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Aloha,



DANIEL K. INOUE
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Barbara Boxer
The Honorable Lucile Roybal-Allard
The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
The Honorable Peter Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
Mr. Arthur Leahy, CEO, LACMTA

DKI:lh

Subject: FW: regional connector
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 4:29 PM
From: Regional Connector <RSC_RegionalConnector@metro.net>
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From: .mac account [mailto:erictooley1@mac.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2009 11:39 AM
To: Regional Connector
Subject: regional connector

regional connector

I support the regional connector Underground Emphasis design and think it would greatly enhance the area of Little Tokyo by making it the crossroads for the entire Los Angeles light rail system. While construction may be disruptive to local business during construction, the outcome will be expanded opportunities for the Little Tokyo area, one of my favorite parts of Los Angeles.

Eric Tooley
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