

THE SOUTHWEST BEVERLY HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Re: Westside Extension Route
Beverly Hills to/from Century City

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Southwest Beverly Hills Homeowners Association supports what we had understood to be the “westside extension” of the Red Line which had included Santa Monica Boulevard as the route between Beverly Hills and Century City. The original Santa Monica Boulevard route avoids most, if not all, incursion into residential and school areas. Accordingly we supported that extension as being the best, most logical route. However, we and numerous others are adamantly opposed to the alternative routes apparently now being considered between Beverly Hills and Century City that would require the subway to be tunneled under residential areas, under Beverly Hills High School and under The Good Shepherd School. The route along Santa Monica Boulevard is the logical route for many reasons.

The route originally discussed from Wilshire Boulevard to and along Santa Monica Boulevard would avoid potential damage to untold number of homes in both Beverly Hills and Tract 7260 and to Beverly Hills High School and The Good Shepherd School. It would avoid the possibility of potential damage to homes, families and school children; would avoid potential seismic damage to our homes and schools; would avoid the potential for noise and vibration to our homes and schools; would avoid the potential of geologic settling into our homes and schools; and would avoid the possibility of reduced property values for potentially hundreds of homeowners to the most valuable asset most of them will ever have, as well as the resulting reduction in property tax revenues to the city and county.

The above potential effects would decidedly apply not only to the homes and school properties directly above the tunneling, but to potentially hundreds of homes in the neighborhood.

We also note that Beverly Hills High School, the Good Shepherd School and many of the homes in the area were built in the 1920's with no seismic protections in their original design. Some may have been partially seismically upgraded; numerous others have not. Further, the

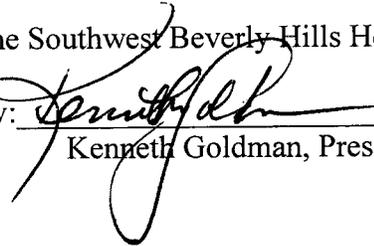
southwest area of Beverly Hills is a high liquefaction area. Unnecessarily tunneling under this particularly vulnerable seismic neighborhood would add to the potential for damage so near fault lines.

Most or all of this potential damage and consternation could be avoided by using Santa Monica Boulevard (which, significantly, would be closer to at least 6 major office buildings, the Beverly Hilton and the Century City Shopping Center). The Santa Monica Boulevard route would stay within a commercial area (as is virtually the entire rest of the red line), which has seismically designed office buildings and is far better suited as a subway route than areas with schools and homes.

We all would like to work with you--not against you--in achieving a westside extension. But not at the potential cost to families, homes and schools—when there is the original, logical route along commercially zoned Santa Monica Boulevard that would avoid most, if not all, of these issues. But be assured that we will continue to oppose through every appropriate means a totally unnecessary alternative route designed to go through our homes and schools.

Very truly yours,

The Southwest Beverly Hills Homeowners Association

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