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COUNCILWOMAN, SIXTH DISTRICT

October 9, 2018

Michelle Boehm
ATTN: Palmdale to Burbank
California High Speed Rail Authority
355 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2050
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Dear Ms. Boehm:

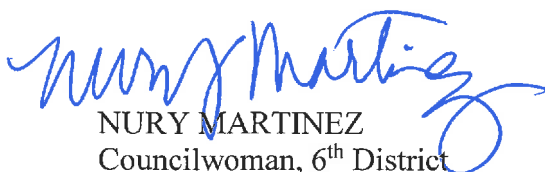
Last year I stated that I would be opposed to California High Speed Rail's (CHSR) refined SR-14 alternative unless it was modified to run below ground through Sun Valley. Staff recently released the State's Preferred Alternative to be carried forward into the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS). The staff preferred alternative recommends the SR-14 option that includes a 12-mile stretch that would run above ground in Sun Valley. As such, I am writing to express my opposition to the State's Preferred Alternative.

As I laid out before in my previous correspondence to you, the communities I represent, specifically, Sun Valley already bear the burden of being home to existing rail service and the majority of the city's waste haulers, trash facilities, and auto dismantling yards. Historically, the community of Sun Valley has been the dumping ground, but this will not continue while I am the elected official for this area. I will continue to be steadfast in my protection of this community and leave this community in better condition than when I was elected. Unfortunately, the CHSR Preferred Alternative does not help me further that goal.

Through correspondence and meetings with staff, I have laid out my concerns about the impacts that an above ground route would have on my district. The staff recommendation reflects a preference to preserve the quality of life of one area over another. I would request that staff continue to review how the alignment can be further refined to run below ground in Sun Valley.

I thank you and your staff for the support and attention that you have given to my office as we have made our way through this lengthy process. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Arcelia Arce on my staff at 213.473.7006.

Sincerely,


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Councilwoman, 6th District

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California High Speed Rail Authority was created in 1996 for the purpose of constructing a high speed train from San Francisco to Los Angeles that will eventually encompass over 800 miles of rail, with up to 24 stations; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2018, three refined set of Palmdale to Burbank alignment alternatives were announced including State Route 14 (SR-14), E1, and E2; and

WHEREAS, the SR-14 option follows State Route 14 before going below ground through the San Gabriel Mountains, and later intersecting with route E1 that goes along San Fernando Road through Pacoima and Sun Valley; and

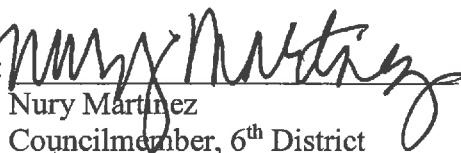
WHEREAS, a refined alternative SR-14 would also add an additional layer of burden on the Sun Valley community with trains running every nine minutes and potentially creating closures of existing intersection as well as additional truck traffic further burdening the community with air pollution during the construction period; and

WHEREAS, while most of the route will run underground, there is a section of the route that will run above ground using the existing Metrolink corridor in the Sun Valley community which already faces several environmental issues including landfills, auto dismantling yards, and heavy industrial uses abutting residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, having the SR14 option operate above ground in the community of Sun Valley, will once again confirm that Sun Valley continues to be left behind by destructive land uses that allow the rest of the city and state to prosper and move forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to the California High Speed Rail Authority's refined alternative SR-14 unless amended to be underground in the Sun Valley section of the route.

PRESENTED BY:


Nury Martínez
Councilmember, 6th District

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