

The Social Services Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Commission may make recommendations to the City Council on Veterans affairs, homeless issues, adults with development disabilities, and children with special needs. All meetings are open to the public except for those portions that under law may be considered in closed session.

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TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA
MARCH 23, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission Members Bickford, Funes, Leys, Sansalone, Scotto, Witt, Chair Reynolds

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on March 16, 2023.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 23, 2023

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT AND PRESENTATION FROM TRANSIT DEPARTMENT STAFF REGARDING THE C-LINE EXTENSION TO TORRANCE

**7B. ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT AND PRESENTATION FROM THE TORRANCE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**7C. APPROVE A BROCHURE FOR NONPROFITS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO
PROMOTE THEIR SERVICES IN TORRANCE**

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Social Services Commission Meeting to April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Social Services Commission convened in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bickford, Funes, Scotto, Witt and Acting Chairperson Leys

Absent: Commissioner Sansalone and Chairperson Reynolds

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Hoang and Management Associate Gent

MOTION: Commissioner Bickford moved to approve the excused absence of Chairperson Reynolds; motion was seconded by Commissioner Scotto. The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Sansalone and Chairperson Reynolds)

2. FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Funes.

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Management Associate Gent stated that the agenda for the Social Services Commission was properly posted on Friday, February 17, 2023 on the Public Notice Board by the City Clerk's office and on the City's website.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Management Associate Gent stated that there were no items.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 26, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Scotto moved to approve Item 6A, as submitted; motion was seconded by Commissioner Funes. The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Sansalone and Chairperson Reynolds)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. REVIEW 2022 VETERANS RECOGNITION EVENTS AND DISCUSS 2023 VETERANS RECOGNITION EVENTS

Deputy City Manager Hoang introduced LeAnne Chen, Office Assistant in the City Manager's Office and noted that Ms. Chen had assisted with past in-person Veterans Recognition events.

Ms. Chen reviewed the elements of the last year's in-person event which included: 18 resource booths, a program which included a welcome, posting of the colors, pledge of allegiance, national anthem and words of appreciation. She stated that the barbeque meal portion of the program had also included music from a DJ and a raffle with prizes for guests, veterans and vendors.

Deputy City Manager Hoang discussed the virtual event which took place in November and noted that Commissioners Bickford, Scotto and Chairperson Reynolds had staffed a booth at the Farmer's Market to gather messages of appreciation, by video and in writing, for Veterans, which were then used in the virtual event.

- Commissioner Scotto suggested staffing a booth on a Saturday at the Farmer's Market instead of a Tuesday for better attendance. Commissioner Bickford recommended City signage for the table/booth at the Farmer's Market.
- Commissioner Witt suggested allocating some raffle prizes for veterans only and to spotlight veteran(s) either by having the veteran or family member speak
- Commissioner Bickford discussed suggestions from past attendees: that the choir performance should take place when no other activity or meal was occurring, have an open microphone opportunity, play music from the 50's to the 70's and have a featured speaker. She noted that past attendees could be polled on suggestions for potential speakers
- The Commission concurred to do both in-person and virtual Veteran events. It was suggested to have the in-person event November 3, 2023, as the City was closed on that day.
- The Commission concurred to have previous attendees polled on suggestions for speakers and features for the event
- It was suggested that CitiCABLE announce the in-person event and feature excerpts from a virtual event, if held, at the in-person event or after the event

Deputy City Manager Hoang stated that staff would return in April or May with updates on the event.

Members of the public spoke.

7B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE HOLDING A CITY-SPONSORED 2023 TOILETRY DRIVE

Management Associate Gent presented the report on the item and noted that the drive could be held from March 17 to March 31. She stated that staff had conferred with Nancy Wilcox, volunteer donation coordinator for 3290 Temporary Housing Village at Civic Center Drive, who had reported that 3290 was receiving enough toiletries donations on an ongoing basis and had recommended that the Commission consider continuing their tradition of collecting toiletries for nonprofits that serve people experiencing homelessness.

Management Associate Gent reviewed the agencies Ms. Wilcox had recommended: Family Promise of South Bay, 1736 Family Crisis Center and Harbor Interfaith Services and the toiletry items requested. She discussed the dates of the drive, the donation bin locations and the suggested date for the drive-up and drop-off event.

The Commission determined that:

- Staff would ask the Mayor to announce the toiletry drive at the City Council meeting of February 28, 2023.
- Commissioner Witt would announce the toiletry drive at the City Council meeting of March 14, 2023.
- Commissioners Bickford and Funes would staff the drive-up on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Deputy City Manager Hoang stated that staff would ask Chairperson Reynolds if he could participate in the drive, as well as provide an interview with CitiCABLE discussing the toiletry drive.

Management Associate Gent confirmed that she would send the Commission a flyer that could be posted on social media.

MOTION: Commissioner Scotto moved to approve holding a toiletry drive from March 17-March 31, 2023; motion was seconded by Commissioner Funes. The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Sansalone and Chairperson Reynolds)

7C. REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON A DRAFT OF A BROCHURE FOR NONPROFITS AND GOVERNMENTS AGENCIES TO PROMOTE SERVICES IN TORRANCE

Deputy City Manager Hoang presented the report for the item and noted that Management Assistant Alexis Motonaga had created the first draft of the brochure, which included a QR code to direct agencies to the City's website to the nine possible services in the City where agencies could post/display information or outreach to the public. He added that the links would include the City's criteria and application requirements for each type of service. He explained that the QR code would also be on the Social Services Commission website page.

The Commission had the following suggestions for the brochure:

- Add information to the in-person section on obtaining a booth at the Farmer's Market
- Add a note that any agency could attend a Social Services meeting in person for more information
- Add information to the QR code as to what type of no cost services it could connect to
- Add more pictures to brochure
- Add list of types of agencies and communities served by the City/Commission

Deputy City Manager Hoang stated that staff would bring this item back in the March or April meeting with Management Assistant Motonaga present to speak on the item.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commission Witt reminded the Commission that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) General Assembly would take place on March 23, 2023.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. At 7:05 p.m., Commissioner Bickford moved to adjourn the meeting to the regular meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Witt and the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Sansalone and Chairperson Reynolds)

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Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT: Accept and File Report and Presentation from Transit Department
Staff Regarding the C-Line Extension to Torrance**

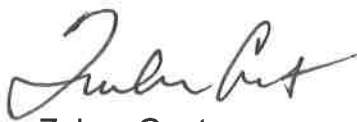
RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file a presentation and report from staff of the Transit Department regarding the C-Line Extension to Torrance.

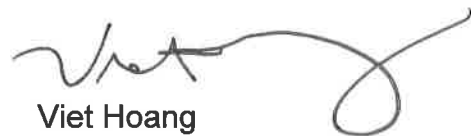
BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

This evening, staff from the Transit Department will be providing a report and presentation to your Honor Body about the C-Line Extension to Torrance. The Transit Department is providing this presentation and report to other City Commissions and Community groups as well.

Respectfully submitted,



Zulma Gent
Staff to the Commission



Viet Hoang
Staff to the Commission

Attachment: Transit Report & Presentation Slides

Social Services Commission
3/23/2023

Agenda Item No. 7A

TO: Social Services Commission
FROM: Kim Turner, Transit Director
SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority C-Line Extension

RECOMMENDATION

The Transit Director recommends that the Social Services Commission receive and file the report from staff regarding the C-Line Extension to Torrance.

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) is currently studying the extension of its passenger light rail system to Torrance. The C-Line, formerly known as the Green Line, will extend from its existing terminus in Redondo Beach following two potential alignments. These two alignments include following existing LA Metro railroad right-of-way (ROW) or following alongside I-405, then utilizing the median of Hawthorne Blvd. before returning to ROW at 190th St. There will be two new stations established – one in Redondo Beach near the South Bay Galleria and another in Torrance adjacent to the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center.

There are three potential options being studied by LA Metro. The first, named the Proposed Project: Metro ROW Elevated/Street-Level, follows existing LA Metro owned railroad right-of-way. The second, named the Trench Option, follows along the same alignment, but adds a below-grade trench between Inglewood Ave and 182nd St. The last option, named the Hawthorne Blvd. Option, leaves LA Metro owned right-of-way to travel along I-405, then travels south through the median of Hawthorne Blvd. from 162nd St. to 190th St. At south of 190th St., all options travel along LA Metro owned right-of-way.

The following is a chronology of previous events related to the issue:

June 29, 2018 Release of Supplemental Alternatives Analysis

On June 29, 2018 LA Metro released the Supplemental Alternatives Analysis to establish the need for a passenger light rail extension, determine the project area, outline the goals for the project, and augment earlier alternatives analyses that had been completed prior to the passing of Measure M.

August 16, 2022 LA Metro Community Meeting

On August 16, 2022, LA Metro staff hosted a community meeting at the Toyota Meeting Hall in Torrance to provide members of the public information about the C-Line Extension project. Residents of Torrance and the surrounding communities were given the opportunity to speak directly with LA Metro staff to ask any questions or raise any concerns or hopes regarding the project.

September 28, 2022 Transportation Committee Meeting

On September 28, 2022, the City Council Transportation Committee met to hear updates from staff regarding the service changes relating to the opening of the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center, service duplication with Long Beach Transit and the current resolution process, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) C-Line Extension to Torrance.

Metro staff provided background and a potential timeline for the C-Line Extension project. City staff reaffirmed the city's position that the C-Line Extension project should utilize Metro's existing Right of Way. The Committee also affirmed their support for The Right of Way Alignment and request that Metro's Board of Supervisors consider an alternative that would place the passenger light rail underground.

October 25, 2022 City Council Meeting

On October 25, 2022, City Council voted to accept and file the report of the Transportation Committee, and voted unanimously to submit a letter to LA Metro's Board of Directors that established the council's official position of preference for the Proposed Project: Metro ROW Elevated/Street-Level.

January 26, 2023 LA Metro Release of Draft Environment Impact Report

On January 26, 2023, LA Metro released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) related to the C-Line Extension project. This DEIR has informed all staff analysis of impacts on the City of Torrance and its residents.

February 21, 2023 LA Metro Public Hearing

On February 21, 2023, LA Metro held a public hearing in Torrance at the Toyota Meeting Hall. This hearing gave residents of Torrance and the surrounding communities the opportunity to learn more about the project options, and allowed community members to speak directly to LA Metro staff about their concerns or hopes for the project.

ANALYSIS

The extension of LA Metro's passenger light rail system will provide a number of benefits to the City of Torrance and the South Bay Region as a whole. The project provides an alternate mode of transportation to those who would otherwise be traveling on I-405 and displaces an estimated 17,083,851 on-road vehicle miles travelled annually. This reduction in vehicle miles travelled reduces greenhouse gas emissions in the region by approximately 2,369.4 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent annually.

The project also serves as a driver of economic growth, serving an estimated 65,000 jobs in the project area by 2042. Connections to a number of high value destinations are also provided, such as a seat-ride to LAX, SoFi Stadium via the Inglewood Transit Connector, the South Bay Galleria, Del Amo Fashion Center, and Old Torrance. The majority of ridership will travel in and out of Torrance, with projected new daily trips of 10,600 to 16,200.

The extension also improves equity by serving 18% of the low-income communities and 47% of the minority communities in the project area, will also providing connections with local transit agencies and the rest of the South Bay.

City Council has unanimously voted to support the Proposed Project: Metro ROW Elevated/Street-Level. This option is the most cost-effective, costing an estimated \$1.96 billion, with an estimated completion of Fall 2033. This option does not encroach on I-405, and avoids traffic and parking impacts on Hawthorne Blvd. and other arterial roads. This option also avoids costly impacts to businesses and residents along Hawthorne Blvd.

The Trench option has an estimated completion of Spring 2036 with an estimated cost of \$2.84 billion. Major construction work would be required and would result in considerable air quality impacts.

The Hawthorne Blvd. Option will have the greatest negative impacts on the city of Torrance and its residents. The estimated cost is the highest at \$2.96 billion, with an estimated completion of Fall 2035. This option fails to fully utilize existing investment in transit infrastructure by creating a walk between the newly established Redondo Beach Transit Center and proposed South Bay Galleria Station. This option also requires the modification of a number of intersections and roads within the city of Torrance during the construction phase and throughout operation.

Throughout construction, the communities surrounding Hawthorne Blvd. would be subject to significant and unavoidable levels of both noise and vibration. The Hawthorne Blvd. option would also require a considerable amount of property acquisition from LA Metro.

The extension of the C-Line would also provide a number of benefits to the region's most vulnerable populations. 83% of LA Metro's riders report a household income of below \$50,000, and this project would provide those individuals with high quality, reliable transportation to access essential services and major job centers in the area. LA Metro's Low-Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) Program also offers discounts on rides for students and low-income riders.

To ensure that riders have a safe and comfortable ride, LA Metro will have on board ambassadors to help those experiencing crisis both on the train and at the Torrance Transit Center station. Additionally, Torrance Police Department will establish an on-site presence with additional 24-hour security at the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Turner
Transit Director



By
David Mach
Senior Business Manager

Attachment 1: Presentation for C-Line Extension to Torrance



L.A. Metro C-Line Extension to Torrance

PRESENTED BY TORRANCE TRANSIT

DO NOT DISTRIBUTE WITHOUT PERMISSION



Project Background

- L.A. Metro is bringing passenger light rail to the South Bay via an extension of the existing C-Line (formerly referred to as the “Green Line”)
- Studying two potential alignments (with 3 possible options)
 - existing railroad Right-Of-Way owned by L.A. Metro or utilization of Hawthorne Blvd.
- **Torrance City Council has voted unanimously to support Proposed Project: Right-of-Way with Elevated/At-Grade Option**

Why does the region need the C-Line passenger light rail extension?

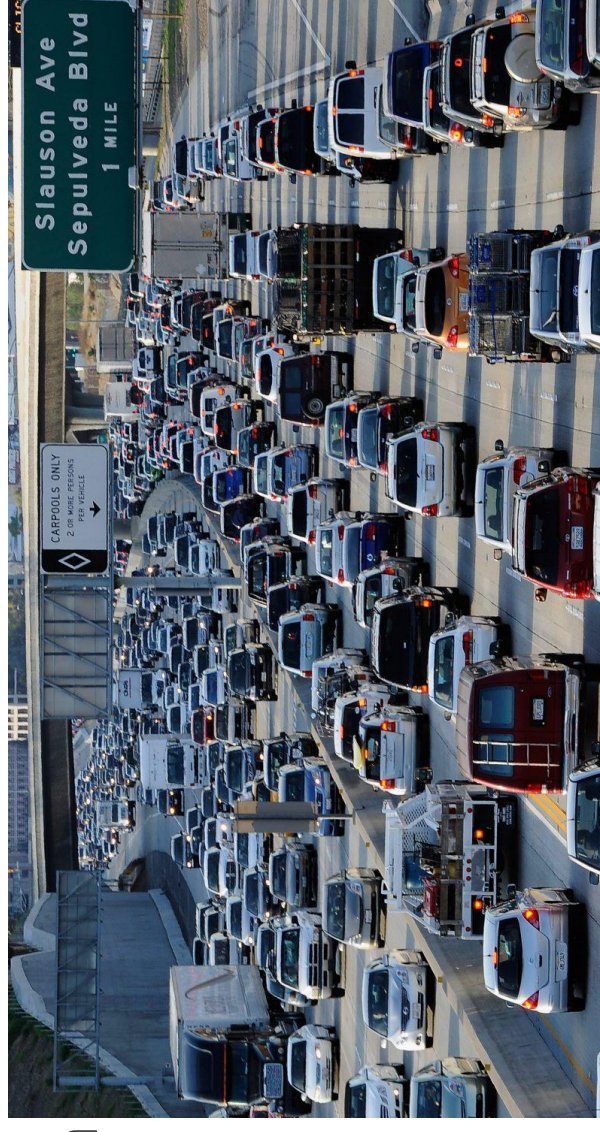
- Provides an alternate mode of transportation for those traveling along the I-405 corridor
 - Time spent commuting expected to increase by approximately **30%** by 2045
- Reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by making transit a more viable transportation choice
- Avoids and minimizes environmental impacts on environmental resources to the maximum extent feasible
- Provides more equitable access to regional destinations by improving connections to the L.A. Metro regional rail system





Who would utilize this project?

- **Those traveling on I-405**
- Travelers using major arterials within the South Bay Region (Hawthorne Blvd., Crenshaw Blvd., etc.)
- South Bay region-wide commuters (traveling to Downtown L.A., Orange County, or beyond)
- **LAX Passengers – expected to increase to 151 million annually by 2045**



Source: KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/GETTY IMAGES



Ridership

Estimated to serve
65,000 jobs in the
project area by
2042

Majority of
ridership traveling
to and from
Torrance

Los Angeles drivers spent an
average of **95** hours in
traffic, costing **\$1,601** per
driver annually

Displaces an estimated
17,083,851 on-road vehicle
miles traveled annually

Reduce greenhouse gas
emissions by approximately
2,369.4 metric tons of CO₂
equivalent annually

Auto Trips and Emissions



Regional Benefits

- **Improves equity** by serving **18%** of low-income communities and **47%** of minority/non-white communities in the project area
- Provides connections with local transit agencies and surrounding South Bay and Gateway Cities:
 - L.A. Metro Bus and Rail
 - Torrance Transit
 - Beach Cities Transit
 - Los Angeles Department of Transportation Commuter Express
 - Gardena Transit
 - Long Beach Transit
 - Norwalk Transit
 - Lawndale Beat



Regional Benefits

- 83% of LA Metro riders have a household income of below \$50,000
- Provides high quality reliable transportation to access essential services and job centers
- Metro LOW-INCOME FARE IS EASY (LIFE) PROGRAM offers discounts on rides Program
 - For students, low-income applicants
- LA Metro will have on-board ambassadors to help people experiencing crises on the train and at the Torrance Transit Center Station
- TPD on-site presence and 24-hour security at the Regional Transit Center



Regional Benefits

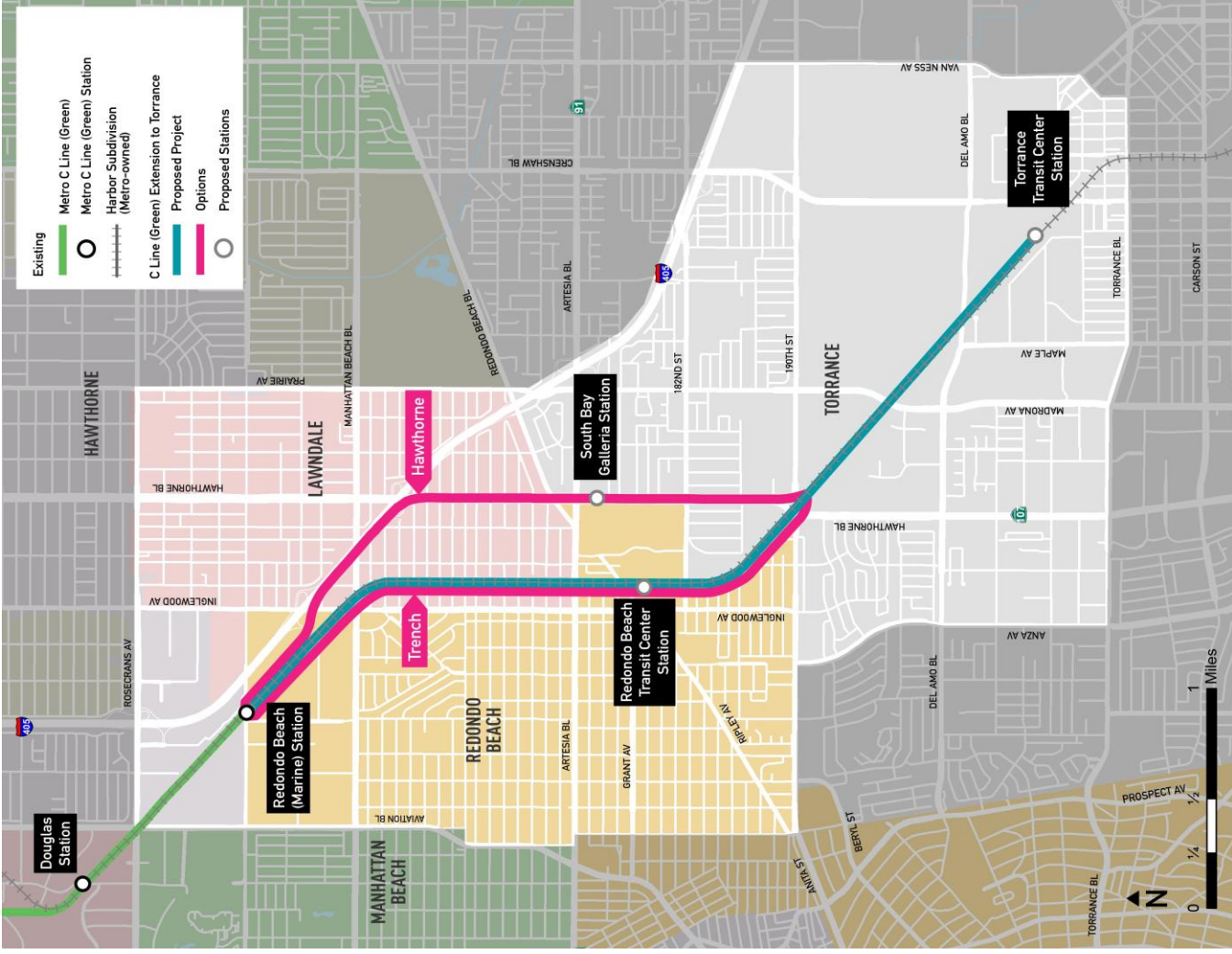
- Connections to a number of high value destinations:
 - **One seat ride to LAX**
 - SoFi Stadium via Inglewood Transit Connector
 - South Bay Galleria
 - Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center
 - Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center
 - Del Amo Fashion Center
 - Old Torrance
- Projected to generate between **10,300 – 16,200** new daily transit trips
- Estimated travel time savings of up to **23.1** minutes per rider



Regional Benefits from the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center

- At the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center, the C-Line will connect with Torrance Transit's:
 - Line 1
 - Rapid 3
 - Line 4X
 - Line 5
 - Line 6
 - Line 10
 - Future planned Red Car Urban Trolley
- Torrance Transit Center Station would provide the majority of estimated ridership gains

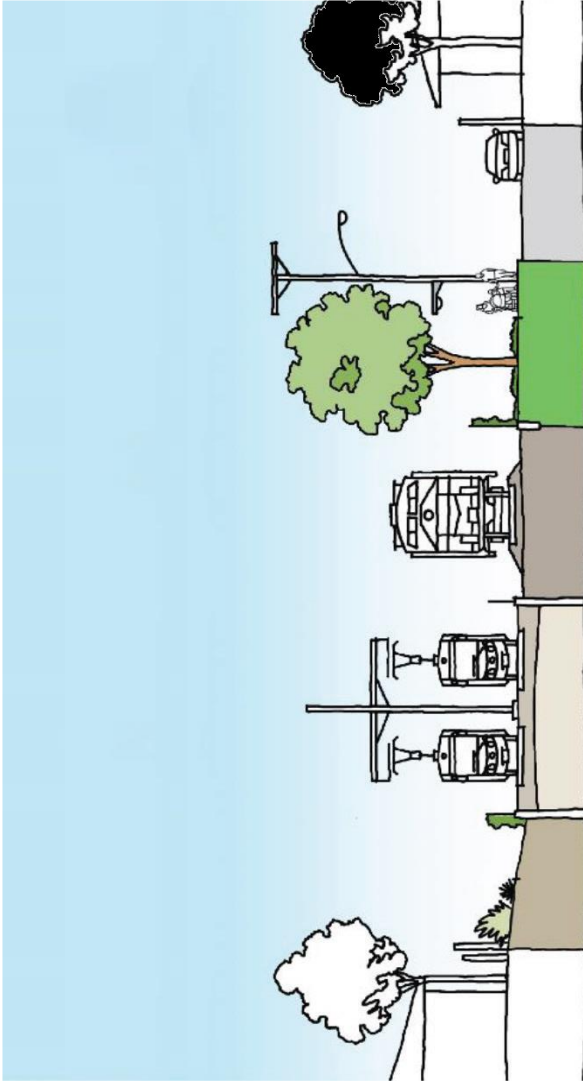
Project Options





Project Options – Proposed Project (Elevated/At-Grade)

- Utilizes existing L.A. Metro Right-of-Way with combination of elevated and at-grade segments
- **Most cost effective (Estimated \$1.96 billion)**
- Estimated completion Fall 2033
- Does not encroach on I-405
- Avoids traffic and parking impacts on Hawthorne Blvd and other arterial roads
- **Avoids impacts to businesses and residents near Hawthorne Blvd**



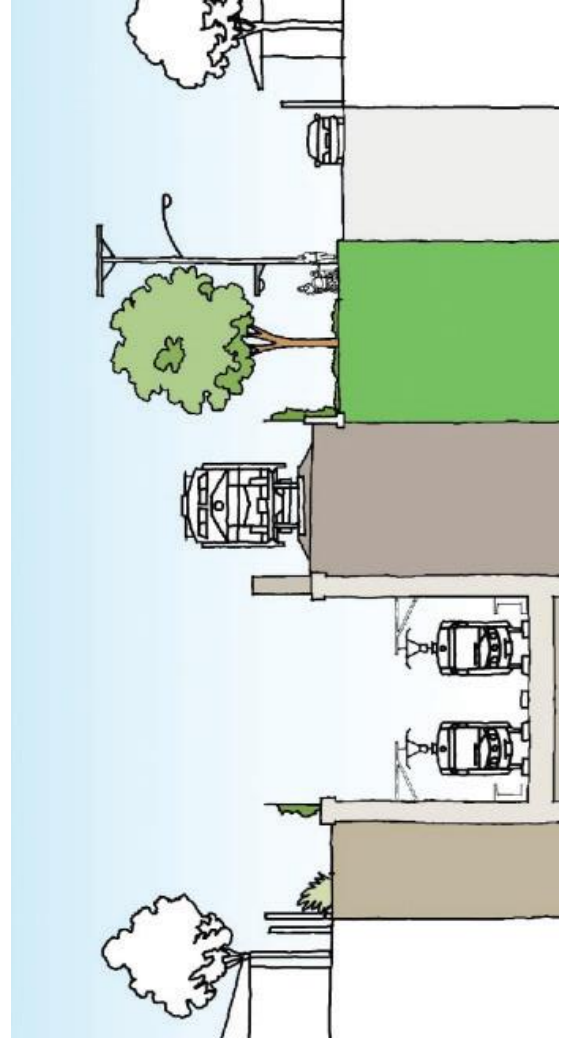
Source: L.A. Metro

Supported by Torrance City Council



Project Options – Right-of-Way/Trench

- Follows existing Right-of-Way and includes a combination of trench and at-grade segments
- Estimated completion early 2036
- Estimated cost of \$2.84 billion
- Major construction work required
- Major air quality impact due to construction

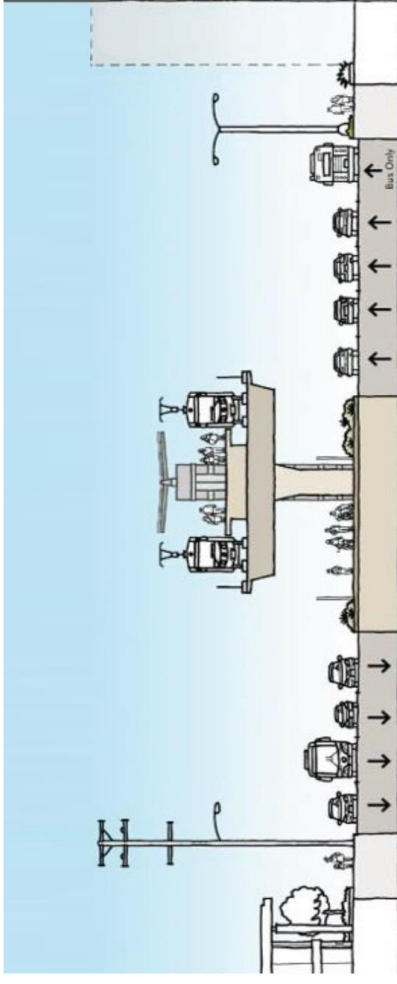


Source: L.A. Metro



Project Options – Elevated Hawthorne Blvd.

- Elevated rail structure along the center median of Hawthorne Blvd.
- Most expensive (costs \$2.96 billion)
- Estimated completion of Fall 2035
- Significantly impact to residents and local businesses along Hawthorne Blvd.
- Adds longer walk for connections to new Redondo Beach Transit Center. Does not utilize existing transit investments
- Significant noise and vibration during construction
- Requires modification of travel lanes
- More property acquisitions



Source: L.A. Metro



Getting Involved

- Support for the C-Line Extension to Torrance and the Proposed Project R.O.W. Alignment can be provided to Metro via:
 - Email – greenlineextension@metro.net
 - Phone – 323-330-4015
 - Mail: Georgia Sheridan, Senior Director, Mobility Corridors
One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-22-2 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - General questions can be directed to Georgia Sheridan, Project Manager
 - Phone – 213-922-4004
- Comments regarding City of Torrance’s position can be provided to David Mach:
 - Email – Dmach@TorranceCA.gov
 - Phone – 310-781-6294

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT: Accept and File Report and Presentation from the Torrance Office of
Emergency Services**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file a presentation and report from Emergency Services Coordinator, Eunique Day, of the Torrance Office of Emergency Services.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

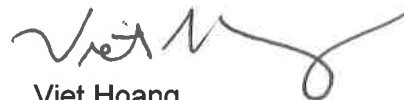
This evening, Eunique Day, Emergency Services Coordinator, of the Torrance Office of Emergency Services will be providing your Honorable Body with a presentation regarding emergency preparedness. Eunique is providing this presentation to other City Commissions and Community groups, to raise awareness of the Office of Emergency Services and to provide recommendations on how the community can best prepare of emergencies. Additionally, staff has requested that Eunique's presentation address the following:

1. How might disaster preparedness apply similarly or differently for people experiencing homelessness, adults with developmental disabilities, and youth (and their families) with special needs?
2. How does the City partner with nonprofits serving the above populations to help them with disaster preparedness? How does the City plan to continue partnering with nonprofits to serve these communities?
3. What ways, if any, could Veterans who have specialized training be part of emergency response?
4. How can the Social Services Commission support the work of the Office of Emergency Services?

Respectfully submitted,



Zulma Gent
Staff to the Commission



Viet Hoang
Staff to the Commission

Attachment: Officer of Emergency Services Presentation Slides

City of
TORRANCE
California

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS (AFN)

No two disasters are ever the same; yet, virtually all incidents disproportionately affect individuals with access and functional needs

AFN includes:

- people with disabilities,
- older adults,
- children,
- limited English proficiency,
- and transportation disadvantaged

HOMELESS PREPAREDNESS

LA County Office of Emergency Management – LAHSA Weather-Activated Shelter Program

is a short-term weather-activated emergency response to provide individuals experiencing homelessness a safe and supportive short-term shelter during severely inclement weather, such as:

National Weather Service (NWS) forecast of

- Three (3) days of low daytime temperatures accompanied by night wind chill temperatures of 32 degrees or less
- Calls for 1 inch of rain in 24 hours

City of Torrance – Severe Weather | Warming and Cooling Centers

(All City Libraries and Wilson Park Sports Complex during normal hours of operation)

EARTHQUAKES

Everyone, everywhere, should know how to protect themselves during earthquakes.

Drop (or Lock), Cover, and Hold On!

- This includes taking cover beneath a sturdy table or desk or dropping to the floor near an interior wall and covering your head with your hands and arms.
- Stay away from windows, and shelves with heavy objects.
- If in a wheelchair, lock the wheels, and protect the back of your head and neck.

HOME SAFETY PLAN

Individuals and families are strongly encouraged to develop a plan to ensure their safety in times of emergency.

- Incorporate into that plan an effective means of communication,
- Prepare a portable reserve of emergency supplies that will last at least five days
- Take a proactive stance to learn more about the types of emergencies or hazards that they might encounter where they live and work.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

CERT members are prepared to be self-sustaining for five days following a large disaster. When disaster strikes, CERT volunteers spring into action: they check on neighbors, suppress small fires, conduct light urban search and rescue, and provide emergency medical aid and psychological comfort to their neighbors.

Information regarding future courses,

email: OES@TorranceCA.Gov



PETS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Your pets are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family's emergency plan.

To prepare for the unexpected, follow these tips with your pets in mind:

- Make a plan.
- Build an emergency kit for your pet(s).
- Stay informed.



TORRANCE ALERTS

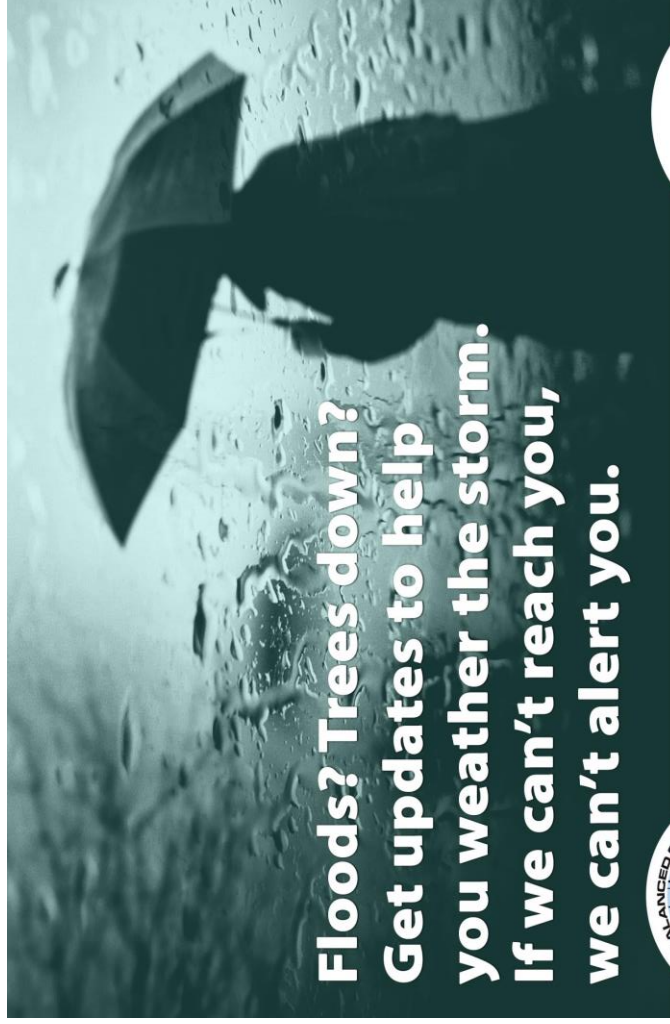
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Floods? Trees down?
Get updates to help
you weather the storm.
If we can't reach you,
we can't alert you.



Sign up for local
WEATHER ALERTS



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LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The City of Torrance is updating its
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan!

This important document helps the
City understand the danger from
natural hazards and hazardous
materials and includes strategies to
help make the community safer from
future emergencies.

City of Torrance - Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Community Survey



Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Approve a Brochure for Nonprofits and Government Agencies to Promote Services in Torrance

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission review and approve a brochure for nonprofits and government agencies to promote their services in the Torrance community.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In 2022, the Social Services Commission heard presentations from government agencies and nonprofit organizations that serve adults with development disabilities and youth with special needs. At the conclusion of the series of presentations, members of the Commission brainstormed and prioritized strategies that the Social Services Commission and the City of Torrance could better support these entities performing their vital work.

During the Commission's September 2022 meeting, your Honorable Body voted for Theme 1, "Create opportunities for nonprofit organizations and government agencies that serve people with developmental disabilities and youth with special needs to better promote their services," to be your top priority. The action that the Commission recommended to support this theme was, "Request update from staff on all City-funded opportunities to promote the work for nonprofit and government organizations that serve people with developmental disabilities and youth with special needs.

Management Assistant Alexis Motonaga of the City Manager's Office complied all of the city funded sources where nonprofits and government agencies can promote their services. Working with Interactive Communications Officer Lauren Allen of the Office of Cable and Community Relations, Alexis developed a draft of a brochure.

At the Social Services Commission meeting of February 23, your Honorable Body provided feedback on the draft of the brochure. The brochure attached to this item reflects recommended changes from the Commission.

For this evening's meeting, staff respectfully requests that the Commission review and approve of the brochure for nonprofits and government agencies to promote their services in the Torrance community.

Staff Liaisons to the Commission would like to sincerely thank Alexis Motonaga and Lauren Allen for making time to work on this important project for the Commission, and for supporting the Commission in their work for adults with developmental disabilities and youth with special needs.

Respectfully submitted,



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Staff to the Commission



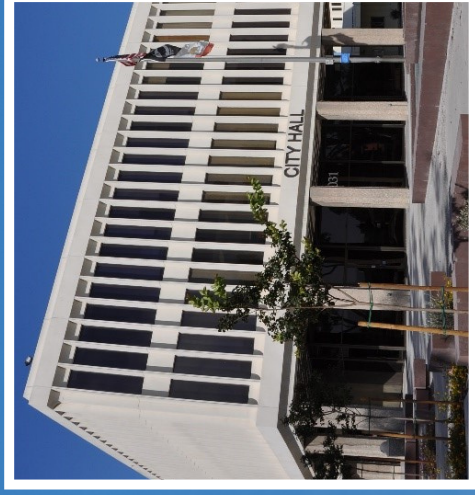
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Attachment: "Promote Your Agency with the City of Torrance"

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

The Commission provides advisory recommendations to the City Council on matters concerning the City's veterans, homeless population, adults with developmental disabilities and children with special needs.

This pamphlet is provided by the Social Services Commission and the City of Torrance to Nonprofits and Government Organizations looking to promote their services and resources to the Torrance community.



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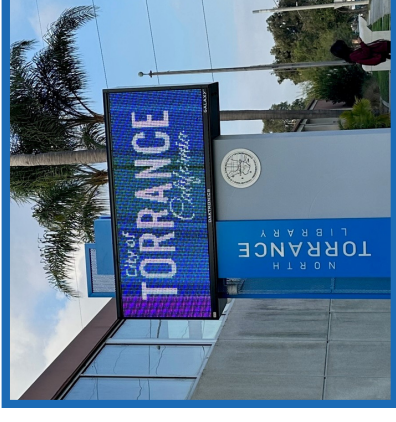
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Scan the QR Code or visit TorranceCA.Gov/SocialServicesCommission to access our resource table containing sign up links, registration information, forms, and more.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

PHYSICAL ADVERTISEMENT

- Digital Signages
- Community Service Message Boards
- City Hall 1st floor Lobby
- Torrance Public Library Lobbies

ONLINE ADVERTISEMENT

- Torrance Events Calendar
- Torrance eNewsletter

TELEVISION

- CitiCABLE
- Torrance Community Television

IN-PERSON

- Present to the Social Services Commission
- The Expressive Conduct Users Zone is a booth available by reservation at the Torrance Certified Farmer's Market. More information regarding the ECU Zone is available in the online resource table.



Engage with Torrance residents!

The City of Torrance is excited to offer its resources to local nonprofits and government organizations to promote their organization's mission to Torrance residents.

The City understands the difficulties faced with reaching the public and is committed to helping local organizations flourish.

Please take a look at the available services to determine the best fit for your organizational needs.