



EXPOSITION LIGHT RAIL

- **Volunteers, supported by**
 - Neighborhoods, businesses, environmental groups
 - Hundreds of individuals
- **Importance of Exposition**
 - Traffic, destinations, population, light rail success
- **Neighborhood issues**
 - Quiet, safety, property values
- **Support staff recommendations to proceed with EIR**

EAST-WEST TRANSIT COALITION

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Westside Traffic

- **World-record traffic, in both directions!**
- **Noise; Pollution; Danger**

–1,666 deaths—including 315 pedestrians—L.A. County, 1998.
–Double-deck freeways?



Exposition Destinations

- Along this old "Red Car" line...
- Downtown at each end—
 - Coliseum, USC, Staples Center (sharing existing Blue Line)



- **Downtown at each end—**

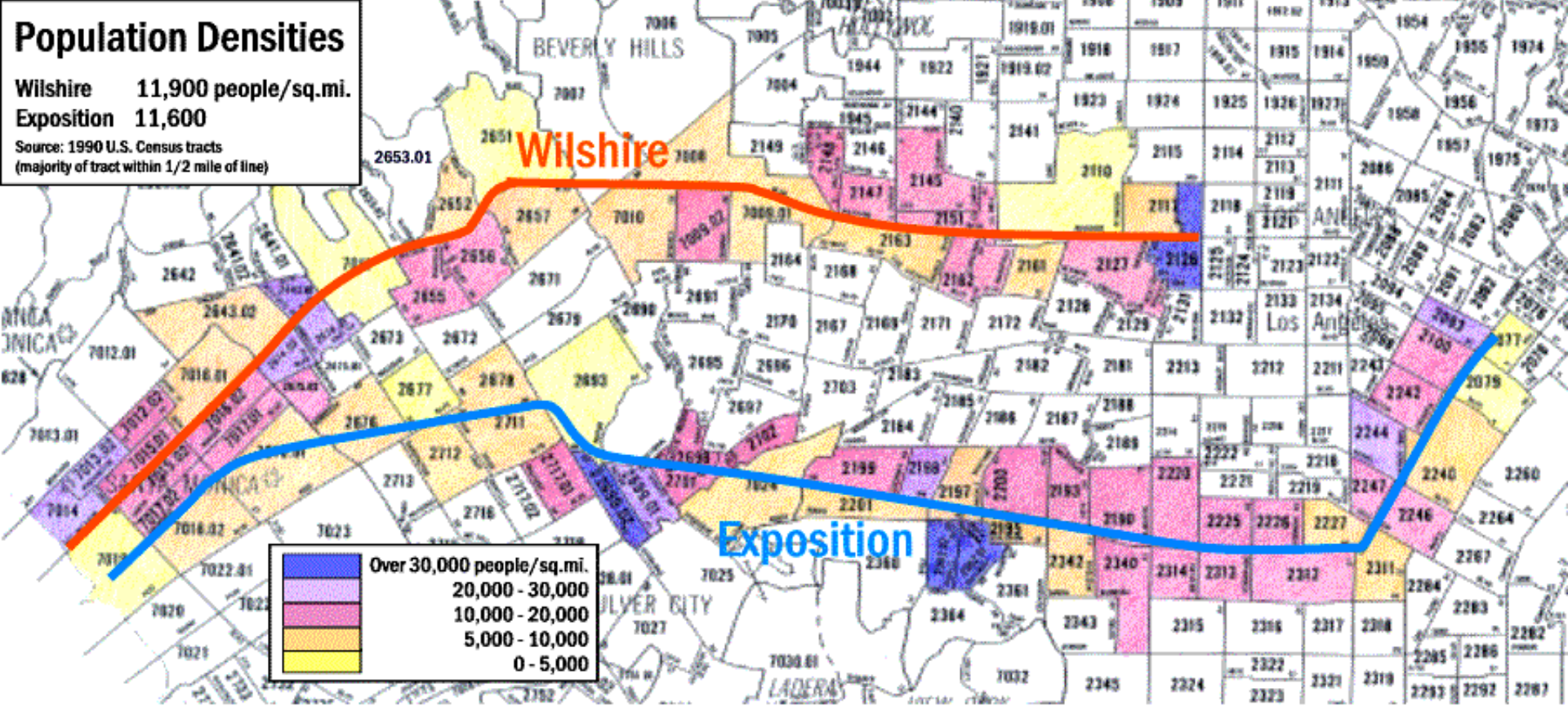
- **Digital Coast jobs—Santa Monica, West L.A., Culver City**
- **Recreation**

– *“I could walk to the station and ride a train to Staples Center or Santa Monica. It would change the way I feel about Los Angeles.”*

Population Densities

Wilshire 11,900 people/sq.mi.
Exposition 11,600

Source: 1990 U.S. Census tracts
(majority of tract within 1/2 mile of line)



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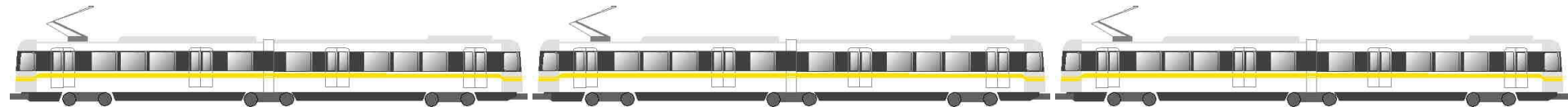
- Dense population—
 - 11,600/sq.mi. within 1/2 mile; 13,200/sq.mi.—810,000 people—within 2 miles
 - > **Blue Line**; = **Wilshire** west of Western
 - 2–3 times **San Diego** (6,000), **Portland** (4,600)



Light Rail for Livable Communities

- **Popular & Proven—nearly every western U.S. City**

L.A.-Long Beach, **Portland, San Diego**, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Sacramento, **Dallas**, Salt Lake City, Denver, St. Louis, Pasadena, Houston, Minneapolis, Seattle, Phoenix, Orange County



Light Rail

- **Speed, Comfort, Capacity**

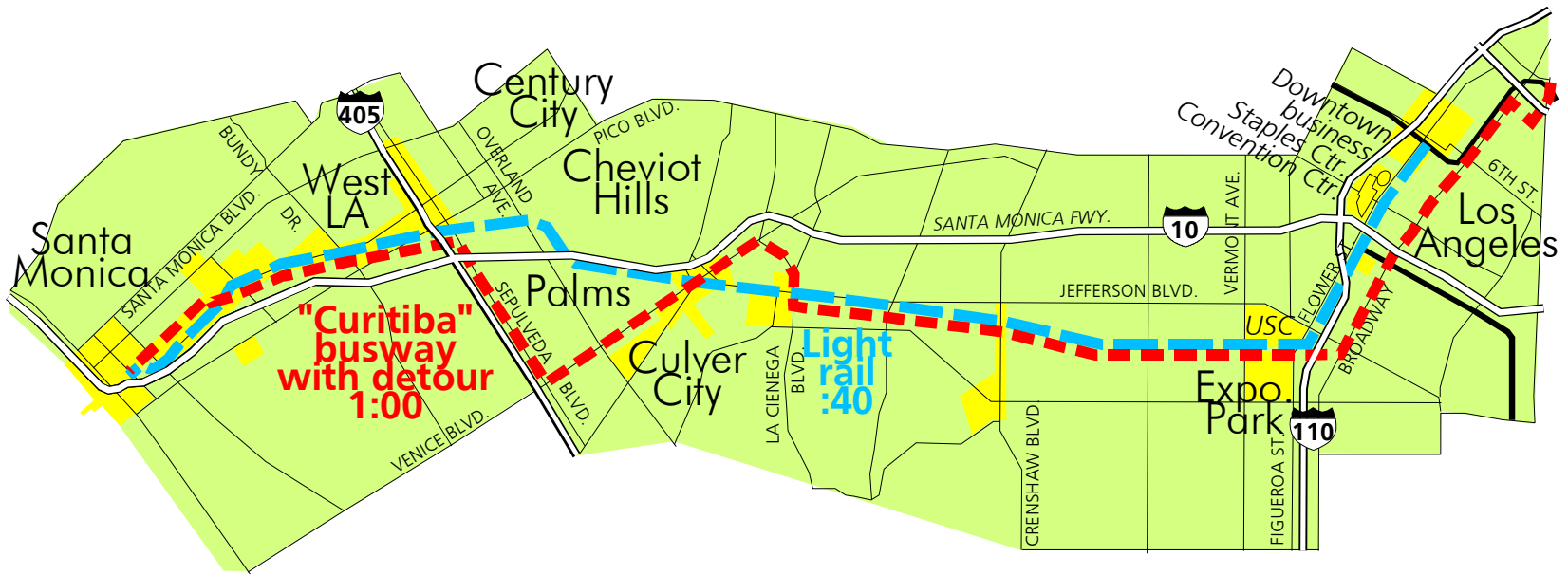
Blue Line = nearly **60,000** riders per day

One train = 6 buses = a bus every 30 seconds??

- **Curitiba, Brazil?**

Small city, slow buses—6-mile lines average 12 mph (20 km/hr)

Most riders stand on “270-passenger” 57-seat buses





National Blvd., Culver City

Neighbors

- **Recommend 35 mph** if not grade-separated **for safety & quiet** (like a bus—no bells or horns—but without engine noise & exhaust) → *plan in EIR*
- *“**safety** issues are the most important factor in the decision to build a **rail** line rather than dedicated busways” —L.A. Councilman Nick Pacheco, L.A. Independent*
- **Parks and a bike path along Exposition line**
- **Value of rail access**



Sacramento Bee

WALK to river, lite rail.
Butterfield 4br 2 1/2 ba

Los Angeles Times

LB 2br cond, gar, park flr,
4 blks to bch + blu line, ...

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

2000sf, 5br, 2ba fam rm...
on quiet cul-de-sac
walk to trolley & park. ...

Contra Costa Times

RARE FIND!
3000 sq. ft., 5 bdrm., ...
family room, formal dining
room, minutes to BART. ...



Schools

- **Danger, noise, pollution** now
- **MTA plans a grade separation at Overland**
- **Long Beach** Los Cerritos School
 - Blue Line is not a problem
 - Benefit of taking field trips by train
- **East L.A.**
 - *Mary Lou Trevis, a **teacher** at San Antonio de Padua Elementary School and president of the Mothers of East L.A., “said **bus exhaust regularly pollutes the school**.... Trevis and her students then testified before the MTA board for the **need of light rail** in her community.” —L.A. Independent*