The Expo Line
Speed · Comfort · Capacity

- Alternative to gridlock!
- Access to jobs, education, culture, recreation, and L.A.’s rail network
- Light rail for livable communities
- Speed, comfort, capacity for dense corridor
- Broad and growing support
- MTA approved – June 2001

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Exposition Opportunity

- **World-record traffic, in both directions**
- **Projected growth** – 300,000 residents, 200,000 jobs
- **MTA-owned “Red Car” right-of-way** (c.1950 – below)
- **Westside link to L.A.’s growing rail network** – already 248,000 trips/day
- **Federal & State funding for Westside** – nearly $500 million
- **MTA approved first half June 2001**
Access to...

- **Jobs**
  - Westside — Santa Monica, West L.A., Culver City
  - Downtown & Eastside
  - Ladder for upward economic mobility

- **Education**
  - Santa Monica College, USC, L.A. Trade Tech

- **Recreation**
  - Coliseum (future NFL team or Olympics?)
  - Staples Center
  - Santa Monica Beach (busiest in California)
  - Theaters & shopping

- **Culture**
  - Museums, galleries, churches, concerts
Light Rail Success

- Popular, proven, & growing in nearly every major western U.S. City (photos – Portland, San Francisco, Sacramento, Denver, Long Beach, San Diego, Dallas)
- U.S. light rail riders up 6.3% (2Q00)
- 77% Yes vote for Dallas light rail expansion bonds (Aug. 2000)
- Transit-oriented development
Speed, Comfort, Capacity

- Dense corridor population
  - 837,000 people – 13,300/sq.mi. – within 2 mi. (2000 Census)
  - > Long Beach, ~ Wilshire west of Western
  - 2–3 times San Diego or Portland
  - Denser employment than Blue Line’s 10,900

- Light Rail = Best Investment
  - Speed – 40-45 minutes vs. ~1 hour for busway alternative
  - Comfort for both current drivers and bus riders
  - Capacity for projected 51,400 riders/day – 1 train (228 seats) = 6 buses (@40 seats)
  - Lower operating costs and capital cost/passenger than busway
  - Busway would permanently under-serve the Westside
**Neighbors**

- Plan for safety & quiet
- Parks and a bike path – 50 or 100-foot-wide right-of-way
- Value of rail access – ads
- Follow good design examples from other cities – Shaker Heights, Innsbruck

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