Support Feb. staff recommendation

• "carry forward both BRT and LRT into environmental clearance to Santa Monica”

• Important & justified for Exposition’s
  – **Employment** centers in Santa Monica, West L.A., Culver City, and downtown Los Angeles
  – **Recreation** from Santa Monica Beach (busiest in CA) to the Coliseum and Staples Center
  – High **population** density; **810,000 people** in 2 miles
  – World-record **traffic** in both directions
  – **Redevelopment** in its inner-city areas
  – Improved service for **transit-dependent**
  – **Linkage** with Red, Blue, Pasadena, and Eastside Lines

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**EIR Process**

- Refine **speed, capacity, ridership**
- Assure this will be **safe and quiet**
  
  – Los Cerritos **School**, Long Beach
Supporters

• Neighborhoods
  – Westwood Gardens Civic Association
  – Castle Heights Homeowners Association
  – South Robertson Neighborhood Council

• Business
  – Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce
  – Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce

• Environmental
  – Sierra Club Angeles Chapter

• Hundreds of individuals
We support the original February staff recommendation to do an **EIR for Exposition**.

Of course it’s justified—**jobs, recreation, population, world-record traffic, linkages** (what color will the Eastside be?) **next**

The **EIR process** will refine **speed, capacity, ridership**—

And assure it will be **safe** and **quiet**. The concerns you’ll hear today are old and solved—

For example, Los Cerritos **School** in Long Beach is next to the Blue Line; it’s not a problem—in fact, I understand they like it to take kids on **field trips**! **next**

Rare for the **chamber of commerce, Sierra Club, and neighborhoods** to agree; they do on Exposition—

An alternative to **gridlock**, for a more **livable L.A.**! 