

California Native Plant Society
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Jonathan Weiss
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Mr. Weiss:

On behalf of the California Native Plant Society, Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter, I am writing in favor of your proposal for an Exposition Green Corridor between Motor and Military Avenues as part of phase 2 of the Exposition Light Rail project. The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is a non-profit organization of over 10,000 laypersons and professional botanists with 32 statewide chapters. Our mission is to increase the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through education, science, advocacy, horticulture and stewardship. We feel that this project would offer an opportunity to create California native plant coastal sage scrub and wetland habitats which would in turn provide food and shelter for wildlife in an urban setting.

The corridor would also offer a multi-use space that would daylight Stone Canyon Creek and add a water filtration plant to help with reduction of the TMDL problem for Ballona Creek. In addition, it would result in much needed park space with a bikeway and other recreational elements.

This plan is ambitious and would require the coordination of multiple agencies. However, it is well-worth pursuing as an innovative solution to a complex problem.

Sincerely,



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