

Comments for COG meeting on October 26, 2023

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(The figure as been slightly altered from remarks I made to P and P meeting on October 18, 2023)

Good evening

This is Holly Osborne from North Redondo Beach, a block from Lawndale. I wish to thank the board for deciding to take more community input on the Green Line issue. I sent you all the figure of the ROW configuration (shown below) where it has narrowed in Lawndale, to only 75 ft wide. In this section, there is a **steep embankment** at one side.

This part of the ROW was never shown on the tours when Metro conducted them, nor was there a sketch in the DEIR. During the Metro-led walks, you could only see a flat ROW. New tours need to be comprehensive, and not hide the difficult parts of the ROW where there is not enough room to build.

The illustration (as I modified it) shows a **wooded steep embankment** on the east side of the ROW in Lawndale. The embankment is so steep that **BNSF built retaining walls years ago to stop the erosion** from the house properties onto the tracks. **BNSF** also extended people's property lines into the ROW to build the walls, so that the house would not be so close to the embankment.

To install the LRT, the cliff/embankment would have to be totally excavated. It is doubtful that the LRT could fit within the allotment of 39 feet, along with the maintenance area. People's property would be taken, and these yards would be narrowed, **with houses coming very close to the edge of the cliff, and therefore the tracks.**

Please put the LRT down Hawthorne Blvd.

Thank you
Holly Osborne, P.E.

This is **current configuration** at 172nd St. Note **steep embankment** from retaining wall to flat part of ROW. This configuration has been there for over 40 years.

