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**re: METRO BOARD VOTE JANUARY 22, 2026**

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**From** m.c. guerry

**Date** Mon 2/9/2026 8:33 AM

**To** David Leger <davidl@southbaycities.org>

Dear South Bay COG Transportation Committee,

I am livid over the Metro Board vote of January 22, 2026 choosing the Hawthorne route for the K line extension to Torrance. Not only was this vote dismissive of Metro staff's expertise, this decision blindsided the transit advocates and broad coalition of more than 15 local and county organizations who rightfully recognize the LPA as the best option for most of the affected population.

This decision adds more than five years to the completion date, but also may kill the project altogether. This path requires dozens of interagency approvals and acquisition of properties, affecting 60 times more residents and businesses than the ROW alignment.

First, I call on SBCOG members to support the immediate commencement of construction for the portion below 190th St. We need to lock in this project succeeding.

Second, I demand that the ROW corridor be preserved under Metro ownership until the train is fully operational down Hawthorne.

Lastly, please listen to and work with all stakeholders and experts to get this thing built. You will see the compounding issues with Hawthorne in updated timelines and budget estimates. The decision for Hawthorne was seriously flawed. It is obvious the Metro Board is only listening to a small section of the community.

The events that transpired, with politicians teaming up to switch the alignment at the eleventh hour, do not inspire confidence and trust. Instead, it appears to be a deal based on corruption and backroom promises.

We are watching and will hold all the politicians who voted for this accountable.

Sincerely,

M.C. Guerry, Hermosa Beach