

# Metro Link US / BNSF Expansion: A Plan That Would Split Vernon in Half

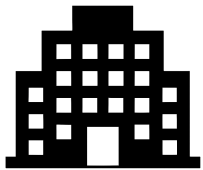


## The Issue

The Metro Link US Project is a major transportation project designed to transform Downtown L.A.'s Union Station into a regional connector in Southern California. (Lead agencies: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (METRO), California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA)). Carved out of this massive, underfunded project is an expansion plan for BNSF to store and expand rail cars starting at Vernon's Malabar Yard. What Metro calls "mitigation" is actually a BNSF land swap for a bigger piece of Vernon, **negatively impacting the entire City for decades to come.**



**Cuts Vernon in Half** – Metro's small focus on 49th St closure and new track on 46th St sets up a path to sever the city's west to east arteries with up to 400 railcars crossing Pacific, Seville, Soto, Boyle, Alcoa & Downey, forcing mile-long detours for 200+ businesses, 40,000 workers and all emergency responders.



**Chokes Vernon's Economy** – Metro's own data show the project will triple train activity, increasing freight moves to 6x each day, with up to 400 railcars gridlocking streets N,S,E & W. The result: Clogged docks, idling trucks, driver overtime, and shipping penalties on manufacturers / distributors who anchor Southern California's supply chain.



**Endangers Public Safety** – Blocked roads delay ambulances, fire engines, and police when minutes matter, while longer commute routes expose workers, residents, and pedestrians to more diesel emissions.



## TAKE ACTION NOW

Join the Chamber and City's Effort to Oppose Metro's plans by attending an important meeting at City Hall to voice your opposition:

**Thursday, July 31 at 2:30 pm**

Ways to get involved now: Add your company name to our coalition.

I / We are interested in getting involved in the following ways:

- Attend meetings and voice impact / position
- Meet with Elected Officials
- Call / Write to Elected Officials / Letters to Editor
- Financially support the Chamber's effort
- Add our company logo / name to the effort

To learn more, visit [www.linkunionstation.com](http://www.linkunionstation.com) (Appendix Q)

## Chamber's Response on Behalf of Business

- Mobilized advocacy campaign to educate property owners / tenants in immediate area
- Convened multiple meetings between Metro staff, Supervisor Janice Hahn's office, and key business leaders
- Organized business participation at public hearings
- Coordinated letter-writing campaign (45 opposition letters)
- Written response in draft SEIR/EIR report.

## Join the Effort

Fax/Email Response to:

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# NO on Metro Link US / BNSF Expansion in Vernon

☒ Yes, you may list me/my organization as **OPPOSING Metro Link US - BNSF freight train expansion in Vernon**, the poorly planned solution for Downtown L.A.'s Union Station transportation project which will ruin the City of Vernon's economy, air quality, and transportation routes for decades to come, if passed.

Please select a category:

☐ Organization ☐ Company ☐ Individual

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Phone

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Signature (Required)

Date

☐ Please email me updates.

**I/We can help in the following ways:**

- ☐ Attend meetings and voice impact
- ☐ Meet with elected officials / Metro Board
- ☐ Communicate with employees/members
- ☐ Call / Write to Elected officials
- ☐ Write a letter to the editor
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email your sign-up form today to [MOLGUIN@VernonChamber.org](mailto:MOLGUIN@VernonChamber.org)

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