

May 24, 2007

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Antonovich:

It has come to our attention that the Metropolitan Transit Authority is currently studying the possibility of extending the Orange Line north from Woodland Hills into our community of Chatsworth. According to documents on the MTA Web site and a recent article in the Daily News, the study includes the possibility of extending the bus route north on Canoga Avenue to SR-118, where a Park-and-Ride lot would be built.

The MTA has not communicated with our neighborhood on this matter, and we are concerned that their plans are moving forward without timely input from those most affected. Many of our stakeholders strongly oppose such a plan for several reasons:

1. No ramps to or from the 118 Freeway to Canoga exist, and the addition of new ramps would be costly and threaten existing residential, school and park areas.
2. Canoga Ave. north of Devonshire is 100% residential. Morning and evening bus or shuttle traffic would be an unbearable intrusion into this community.
3. The single most popular equestrian trail in the city of Chatsworth is on Canoga Ave. north of Devonshire Street. Bus traffic is in no way compatible with equestrian use.

There are better locations for a Park-and-Ride facility but we have no idea which alternatives, if any, are being considered by the MTA.

We ask that you require the MTA to provide us with comprehensive and timely information concerning the expansion study to the extent it impacts that portion of our community north of Devonshire Street. We also request your support in opposing any elements of the MTA plan that adversely impact the residents and other users of this sensitive area.

Our committee very much appreciates your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

The Deerlake Ranch/Vista Condominium Monitoring Committee

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