



Resolution passed by California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) Board of Directors on 4/21, 2021

**Purpose:** Oppose proposed Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit (LA ART) project through Los Angeles State Historic Park (LASHP)

**Background:** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority, would like to connect Los Angeles Union Station to Dodger Stadium via an aerial tram. Metro's Notice of Preparation identifies only two pathways for this project, both of which propose tramways over LASHP. In doing so, the tramway would take an invaluable public resource for private gain from an under-resourced community and irreparably harm the state park.

Whereas:

- LASHP, a 32-acre site, was established in 2001 to help address a critical lack of parks and open space in Los Angeles and preserve an area that played an important role in the development of the city. Significant public resources were spent to acquire and develop this area. The California State Park and Recreation Commission formally recognized the significance of this park in 2001 to be preserved and not impacted.
- The park is set at the midway point of an evolving 52-mile Los Angeles River greenway and is considered a catalyst for the River Revitalization Movement. In Los Angeles any open space, especially historically significant open space, is precious. LASHP was NOT established to support urban infrastructure.
- The viewshed of LASHP contains some urban skylines. A tramway bisecting the park will severely ruin park aesthetics and emasculate the very reason the park was established.
- A tramway is inconsistent with other uses in the park, such as kite flying and violates the viewshed of the park.
- Local park visitors may not have many opportunities to visit a "pristine" state historic park such as Fort Ross or La Purisima; nevertheless, they may value LASHP as much or even more than visitors to more "pristine" historic areas. An attack on the integrity of one park is an attack on the integrity of all parks.
- This project is opposed by the Natural Resources Defense Council, California State Parks Foundation, Trust for Public Land, Audubon, and many other organizations.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the California State Park Rangers Association strongly opposes the LA ART proposed project because it is a non-mission use and abuse of public land designated to be preserved for its historic and open space values.

Be it further resolved that CSPRA's opposition includes but not be limited to written correspondence, public testimony, and forming alliances with other groups who oppose this project.

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