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c. 1939 View of Cahuenga Pass looking towards Hollywood showing the construction of the Mulholland Drive Bridge.

## AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

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### Meeting Agenda - March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm

via Video Conference

1. Call to Order
  1. Guest: Street and Transit Amenities Program (AKA: Digital ads on bus shelters & tracking)
2. Approval of minutes – Julie Kremkus
3. Officers' Reports
  1. President's Report – Charley Mims
    1. Report from Nominating Committee Election of Officers
    2. Bundy Canyon Assn. Membership
  2. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

4. Old Business
5. New Business
  1. Weakening Mulholland Design Review Board
6. Adjournment

Next meeting May 18, 2021

**March 16, 2021 - Draft Minutes**

## NEWS

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### **Metro Announces Route Alternatives for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Environmental Study**



From Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project:

Metro staff released its recommendations for the five alternatives to be studied in the Sepulveda Transit Corridor environmental analysis. They are as follows:

- A monorail alternative along the 405
- A monorail alternative that would use an underground segment to connect to UCLA, which is about one to two miles east of the 405 depending on campus location
- A heavy rail (trains similar to Metro's B/D (Red/Purple Line) alternative that would travel

underground with an aerial section along Sepulveda Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley

- A heavy rail alternative that is underground, including along Sepulveda Boulevard in the Valley
- A heavy rail alternative that is underground, including along Van Nuys Boulevard in the Valley

[To learn more, read The Source post here](#)

### **Next Steps**

Metro is planning a community update webinar later this spring to catch everyone up. The environmental phase will start with a scoping period in the fall of this year. Your continued participation in the Sepulveda Transit Corridor is important, and there will be many opportunities to provide your feedback. We will keep you updated with a save-the-date for the community webinar soon.

### **About the Project**

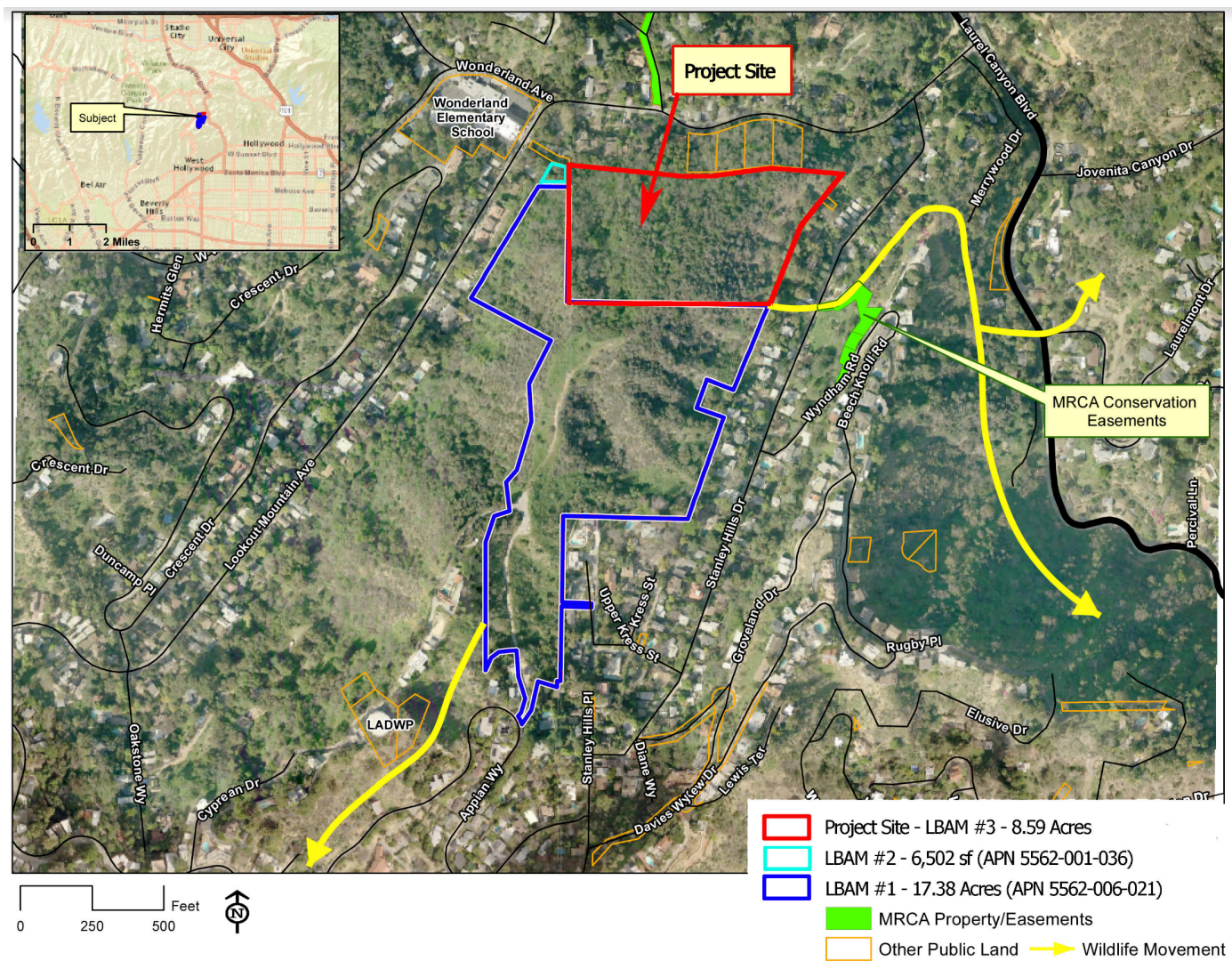
The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project will provide a high-quality transit service that will effectively serve a large and growing travel market between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside and eventually to LAX. With nearly half a million daily travelers in the corridor, the project area is one of Southern California's most complex and challenging – and it will require an innovative approach. For transit to be a competitive travel option that attracts new riders, there is a need to increase the speed, frequency, capacity, and reliability of transit service, and provide convenient connections to existing and planned transit corridors.

To learn more about the project, visit [metro.net/sepulvedacorridor/](https://metro.net/sepulvedacorridor/), email [sepulvedatransit@metro.net](mailto:sepulvedatransit@metro.net) or call the project information line at 213.922.7375.

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## **Laurel Canyon Land Trust Project Updates**





## Let's Buy a Mountain Phase 3 for Laurel Canyon Land Trust

The Laurel Canyon Land Trust has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to acquire and permanently preserve an environmentally significant parcel (approximately 9 acres) at 8516 Lookout Mountain in Laurel Canyon (APN 5567-004-014). The lot is adjacent to the 17-acre Let's Buy a Mountain parcel that was acquired in 2017 and provides valuable habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species such as our local Mountain Lion Population. The parcel is also home to an extensive walnut woodland mapped by the National Park Service.

The Land Trust has received a \$1 million grant from the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire the parcel through the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program ("EEMP"). But, there are still some out of pocket expenses with this acquisition and we need to raise **\$20,000** by May 7, 2021 to cover the initial deposit. *Can you help us?* This will be the eleventh acquisition project of the Land Trust since it was founded in 2017.

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[Donate to Let's Buy a Mountain Phase 3 Here](#)



## Fresh New Open Space at Laurel Canyon and Mulholland!

[Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority](#) has come through yet again to preserve more land in Laurel Canyon.

This prime property at the corner of Laurel Canyon and Mulholland Drive is now added to protected undeveloped open space. Each and every percentage of saved land acreage adds up for a much needed wildlife corridor and habitat! This 0.55 acre lot closed this week. Congratulations to all that were involved in this years-long acquisition effort!

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## Rest in peace P-78 mountain lion



From Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife:

We are very sad to share the news that the mountain lion known as P-78 has died after succumbing to injuries resulting from a car collision. This is another case in a long list of regional tragedies that emphasize the importance for habitat connectivity. If our wildlife cannot disperse from one habitat area to another without a high risk of getting hit by a car, they will not be able to thrive. This is why CLAW emphatically advocates for a wildlife crossing in Liberty Canyon, a Pilot Wildlife Corridor Ordinance in Los Angeles, and endangered species status for mountain lions throughout Southern California.

P-78's death is also another reminder of the dangers of rodent poisons (rodenticides). It is a possibility that P-78 was in a weakened state as a result of multiple poisons in his body, which may have led to him being more susceptible to a car collision. Alarmingly, out of 28 local mountain lions that have been tested by the National Park Service, 27 have tested positive for exposure to rodenticide.

CLAW would like to thank the LA Times Editorial Board and share their article which asks, "When will mountain lions in Los Angeles County stop being killed by cars and rat poison?"

"P-78's remains were a case study in the perils of being a mountain lion in a wilderness fragmented

by urban sprawl. The hit fractured his front leg in multiple places and led to his death. (The cat's swollen leg indicated he lived for a while after he was hit.) But the necropsy revealed a cocktail of five anticoagulant rodenticides — rat poison — in his system. Three of them were the second-generation anticoagulants that are severely toxic to wildlife." ([Click here to read the full article.](#))

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## REMINDER: The Hillside Federation Annual Dues



**Payment for the Hillside Federation 2021 Member Dues are now past due.  
The 2021 dues are \$150.00**

Payment can be made online at [HillsideFederation.org](https://HillsideFederation.org) using the PAY NOW button under Annual Membership Dues or by making a check payable to the Hillside Federation and mailing it to:

Don Andres, HF Treasurer  
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Los Angeles, CA 90046-2242

If you have any questions, please contact Don Andres: 323-333-7445 or [treasurer@hillsidefederation.org](mailto:treasurer@hillsidefederation.org)

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## ABOUT THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

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The Hillside Federation is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) organization *founded in 1952*. Our mission is to protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

## Organizations

Argyle Civic Association  
Beachwood Canyon NA  
Bel Air Association  
Bel Air Hills Association  
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners  
Bel Air Skycrest POA  
Benedict Canyon Association  
Brentwood Hills HOA  
Brentwood Residents Coalition  
Cahuenga Pass POA  
Canyon Back Alliance  
Crests Neighborhood  
Dixie Canyon Association  
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA  
Franklin Hills Residents Association  
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn  
Highlands Owners Assn  
Hollywood Dell Civic Association  
Hollywood Heights Association  
Hollywoodland Homeowners  
Holmby Hills HOA  
Kagel Canyon Civic

Lake Hollywood Homeowners  
Laurel Canyon Association  
Los Feliz Improvement Association  
Mt. Olympus Property Owners  
Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance  
Nichols Canyon NA  
North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon  
Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners  
Oaks Homeowners  
Outpost Estates Homeowners  
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn  
Residents of Beverly Glen  
Save Coldwater Canyon!  
Save Our Canyon  
Shadow Hills Property Owners  
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association  
Silver Lake Heritage Trust  
Studio City Residents Association  
Sunset Hills Homeowners  
Tarzana Property Owners  
Torreyson-Flynn Association  
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association  
Upper Nichols Canyon NA  
Whitley Heights Civic Association

## Bring an Issue to the Federation

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a [Request for Action form](#) and send it to [RFA@hillsidefederation.org](mailto:RFA@hillsidefederation.org) along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

## SUPPORT US

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**We're fighting to protect the Santa Monica Mountains, hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs and we can't do it without you.** In order to do the important work we do, we rely entirely on support from people like you!





### Stop the Hollywood Center Fund

Organizations or individuals can make a donation to the Federation (designated to Stop the Hollywood Center). These funds will be used for legal costs to fight the proposed project.

### Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund

In honor of his great achievements, the Hillside Federation has established the Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund to provide resources to help maintain and improve the Jerry Daniel Overlook on Mulholland Drive above the Hollywood Bowl, as well as resources for other environmentally sensitive efforts in his memory.

Please support the Hillside Federation's mission and DONATE today!

**DONATE**

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