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Hello,

I noticed that there was an opportunity for public comment at last night's city council meeting, and while I was unable to attend, I wanted to share my support of the Gold Line extension to Whittier. I am a Whittier resident and homeowner in the Michigan Park neighborhood, and my family has lived in Whittier since the 1980s. I feel we absolutely need more environmentally sustainable and efficient modes of transportation available to Whittier residents. Allowing commuters to travel on the Metro will save them gasoline expense, will cut down on smog and emissions that are harmful to everyone's health, and will reduce traffic for those who still have to drive. This is also a safer way for many people to attend events such as sports games and concerts in other parts of LA county.

I do feel that our city should do everything we can to get agreement from Metro and/or law enforcement to ensure that 1) no one is riding for free, 2) that riders are riding for a purpose and not just loitering, and 3) that there is security available to protect riders and neighbors living near the station. There should also be bike parking/lockers available at the station for those who will ride their bikes, and the city should consider a shuttle to take Metro riders to the station, since these stations notoriously do not have enough parking available for commuters in the lots provided.

I am glad that Whittier leadership has embraced this sustainable transportation alternative. This should also help to increase property values and our tax base since our city will be more attractive to those working in other parts of LA.

Thank you,
Lisa Arellanes