

# **STOP THE GONDOLA**

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Did you know that billionaire and former Dodgers owner Frank McCourt wants to build an aerial gondola that takes people from Union Station to Dodger Stadium? Here's what you need to know and why we need to stop the McGondola.

## **THERE IS PROOF THE GONDOLA WON'T REDUCE TRAFFIC OR EMISSIONS.**

Research from the [UCLA Mobility Lab](#) shows that the gondola does little to take cars off the road, it is likely to carry fewer passengers than LA ART claims and many will likely drive to its stations to get on. Therefore, it won't improve our air quality or significantly reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions.

## **TAXPAYERS WILL LIKELY BE ON THE HOOK FOR THIS PROJECT.**

The gondola has a price tag of at least \$125 million. Even though this is Frank McCourt's project, he has not committed to pay for it. There is no guarantee that it will run on time and on budget. This "private" gondola will require public land and resources to operate and taxpayers could be left holding the bag on expensive construction change orders, other cost overruns, and ongoing maintenance and operations – especially if the project goes bankrupt.





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## **THE GONDOLA LEADS TO MORE DEVELOPMENT AND GENTRIFICATION.**

For years, we've known Frank McCourt wants to develop the parking lots at Dodger Stadium. When he was owner of the Dodgers he unveiled big plans to create a luxury entertainment development. The gondola is just a means for him to develop the stadium parking lots and profit at our communities' expense. Such a development can lead to more displaced local businesses and neighbors in Chinatown, Echo Park and surrounding communities - who have already experienced tremendous gentrification.

## **MCCOURT'S GONDOLA WOULD USE PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR PRIVATE PROFIT.**

The project will require the use of public rights of way, public airspace, and public lands for the placement of multiple towers with suspended cars intended to move a few thousand people in each direction between Union Station and Dodger Stadium for games and events.

## **SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES WILL BE IMPACTED.**

With massive towers ranging from six stories (84 ft) to 13 stories (195 ft) in height, our neighborhoods will be forever changed. Operating at maximum capacity is equivalent to 42 shipping container size gondolas flying over our neighborhoods.

## **THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT WANT OR NEED THE GONDOLA.**

A recent poll shows 76% of Angelenos oppose McCourt's gondola. There is already a free bus shuttle that takes fans to Dodger Stadium.

## **NO REAL COMMUNITY INPUT.**

Metro is giving McCourt and LA ART the green light without any real community input or oversight. The proposed gondola is slated to fly over homes, and LA ART has failed to provide communities the opportunity to express concerns about their privacy, safety, or costs associated with this project. Our community didn't ask for this project.

## **THERE IS NO PROOF MCCOURT'S GONDOLA IS NEEDED YEAR ROUND.**

Building a project of this magnitude when the Dodgers only have 81 home games a year and limited events is a waste of taxpayer dollars. What else is McCourt not telling us?

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## **WHAT IS LA ART HIDING?**

Despite numerous requests, concerned community members haven't received any information about the project's safety, the long-term costs, who will pay to maintain it, and why this project is even necessary. Entities were told to sign non-disclosure agreements.

## **MCCOURT IS PLAYING A "SHELL GAME".**

Make no mistake, this is Frank McCourt's project. Whether hiding behind LA ART or attempting to transfer the project to another organization, Climate Resolve, he can't hide that not one of these entities has experience designing, building, or managing infrastructure projects of this magnitude.

## **THE GONDOLA VIOLATES METRO'S PROCUREMENT AND OVERSIGHT PROCESS.**

Metro violated its own rules by awarding a sole-source contract to an entity with no experience in transportation construction. Neither Frank McCourt Global, LA ART nor Climate Resolve, have ever built an aerial tram.

## **NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.**

LA ART and Metro released the Draft Environmental Impact Report on October 17. All public comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023. The community can provide public comment by phone, email, and mail or at three public hearings. Details are below:

- Email – [LAART@metro.net](mailto:LAART@metro.net)
- Mail – Cory Zelmer, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-22-6, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Phone – (213) 922-6913

### **Public Hearings:**

- [In-person] Saturday, December 10, 2022 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
  - Los Angeles Union Station Ticket Concourse
- [Virtual] Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 5-7 p.m.
  - Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81616012818>
- [In-Person] Thursday, January 12, 2023 - 5-7 p.m. Cathedral High School Gymnasium.

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