

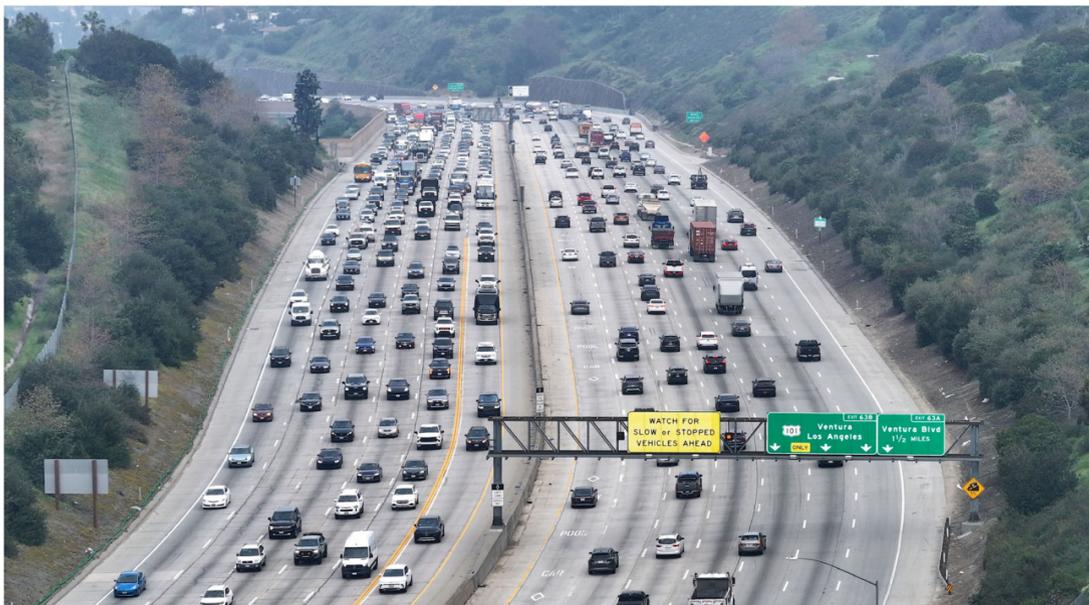
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## TRANSPORTATION

# L.A. Metro approves Sepulveda Pass subway



Heavy traffic travels on the 405 Freeway, ranked one of the most congested freeways in the state, near Mulholland Drive in the Sepulveda Pass on Thursday. DEAN MUSGROVE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Historic vote sets in motion \$24 billion project to ease freeway logjam by connecting the city's Westside and the San Fernando Valley

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By unanimous vote, the L.A. Metro Board on Thursday approved an underground rail project through the Sepulveda Pass, setting the stage for the first transit connection between two key Los Angeles areas, the Westside and the San Fernando Valley.

"It has been a long time coming. To be here today and see all the support for this project is very exciting," said Los Angeles Mayor and L.A. Metro board member Karen Bass.

The only way residents can currently travel en masse to and from these areas is via the 405 Freeway through the Sepulveda Pass, the fourth most congested freeway in California, with trips taking 60 to 90 minutes each way. The proposed subway through the Santa Monica Mountains will establish a carless alternative to the traffic-clogged 405.

The route chosen from five laid out in the environmental impact report, called the Modified Alternative 5, is fully underground starting in the north by connecting with the Van Nuys Metrolink Station. It would run in a single-bore tunnel about



This rendering shows what the Sepulveda Pass Transit Project train will look like. It will be an automated train connecting the San Fernando Valley with the Westside. The approved route will go from the Van Nuys Metrolink station to the E (Expo) Line Station near Santa Monica Boulevard. RENDERING COURTESY OF METRO

**Inside:** Los Angeles Metro board approves K Line extension to Torrance along Hawthorne Boulevard. **Page A9**

14 miles beneath Van Nuys Boulevard in the Valley, under the hills near Sherman Oaks and Bel Air, with a southern terminus at the Metro E (Expo) Line's Sepulveda Station. The route includes stops at the G (Orange) Line, Ventura Boulevard,

the UCLA Campus, the D (Purple) Line at Wilshire and Westwood and also the future east San Fernando Valley light-rail Line in Van Nuys.

Estimated time for an end-to-end ride is about 20 minutes or less.

The options for an elevated monorail mostly along the median or should-

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## PASADENA

# Homeless population tallied by volunteers

Data collection effort aims to measure extent of crisis

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The city of Pasadena held its annual point-in-time homeless count Wednesday and Thursday.

Pasadena is one of a handful of local cities that conduct its own homeless count outside of the larger tally done by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

A team of about 200 volunteers set out Wednesday night and Thursday morning to canvass the city's unsheltered population. Teams of four to six people were deployed in 28 geographic zones.

Volunteer teams also counted in the city's 10 libraries and at locations where people receive services. A supplementary youth count took place Thursday afternoon, according to the city.

"We surpassed our volunteer recruitment goals ahead of schedule, demonstrating that Pasadena residents view homelessness as a critical problem

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## RIVERSIDE

# Erika Kirk calls for a Christian revival in U.S.

Widow of slain conservative activist starts Make Heaven Crowded Tour

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Erika Kirk launched a national tour in Riverside to honor the memory of her husband — slain media personality Charlie Kirk — while spreading the word of God, the power of prayer and calling for a Christian revival in the U.S.



Kirk

The audience of thousands gathered Wednesday night at Harvest Christian Fellowship and greeted Kirk with a stand-

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## ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS

# 'Sinners' breaks record with 16 Oscar nods

'One Battle After Another' follows with 13 in triumph for besieged Warner Bros.

The Associated Press

Ryan Coogler's blues-steeped vampire epic "Sinners" led all films with 16 nominations to the 98th Academy Awards on Thursday, setting a record for the most in Oscar history.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences voters showered "Sinners" with more nominations than they had ever bestowed before, breaking the 14-nomination mark set by "All About

**Snubs and surprises:** The lack of widely expected Oscar nominations for Ariana Grande and Paul Mescal ranked among the most shocking snubs. **Page A6**

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Eve," "Titanic" and "La La Land." Along with best picture, Coogler was nominated for best director and best screenplay, and double-duty star Michael B. Jordan was rewarded with his first Oscar nomination, for best actor.



Michael B. Jordan, center, appears in a scene from Oscar nomination favorite "Sinners." WARNER BROS. PICTURES VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM



President Donald Trump reacts at a signing ceremony on his Board of Peace in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday.

MARKUS SCHREIBER  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# President rolls out his Board of Peace in Davos

President Donald Trump inaugurated his Board of Peace to lead efforts at maintaining a ceasefire in Israel's war with Hamas — despite many U.S. allies opting not to participate. **A10**

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