

## **Public Comment:**

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**Extend the Long Beach Green Belt!** I don't always agree with Councilwoman Suzie Price, but on the Long Beach Green Belt, she's got it right. The Pacific Electric Red Car line was a missed opportunity to provide high quality public transportation for our region, but let's not completely develop roughshod over its legacy. It should be a long-term priority and goal of this commission and the Long Beach city government to extend and expand the Green Belt along the entirety of the old streetcar right-of-way. A park dedicated to native plants and a pedestrian bike path would unite East and West Long Beach, create a physically-protected carbon-negative transitway across the city, and provide much-needed outdoor recreational space for residents of some of Long Beach's most environmentally hazardous neighborhoods. The existing beltway proves the popularity and positive contributions of the concept- now we should invest in extending it all the way from Colorado Lagoon to Los Cerritos.

Regards,  
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