

# Commentary

## On Track or Off the Rails?

### LETTERS TO THE TIMES

What will it finally take to take rail transit proposals off the table? The data are in. None of the U.S. rail transit projects built after WWII has any impact on road traffic conditions. Yet the Los Angeles Times supports the Metropolitan Transportation Authority putting "aside the local, state and federal dollars needed to cover the \$490-million tab" for an Exposition Boulevard line.

Even if we also put aside these costs and ignore The Times' constant fretting that there are never enough tax dollars for the public good, there still is not a single economic reason to spend more money on rail in Los Angeles.

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