Will LA’s next light rail line strand riders in the Arts District?

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Summary:

- Informs public about six northern alignment options, but questions Arts District alternative because it would connect to a Red/Purple Line extension project that isn’t funded.

- Arts District option conflicts with studies done by WSAB that used Union Station as last stop.
  - Arts District alternative negatively impacts user experience because it would add a transfer to get downtown

- Author wrote about space concerns in Union Station that were expressed officially in writing from numerous train government authorities (Federal Railroad Administration, Metrolink, and California High Speed Rail Authority).

- Raises question about project’s $4 billion budget and whether it will be enough to cover costs.

- Ends with links to community meetings in March and WSAB project page on Metro’s website encouraging readers to get informed and voice their opinions.