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SENATOR STEINBERG'S REACTION TO MALOOF ATTORNEYS' LETTER

"The Maloof's seem to be looking for every reason not to proceed as opposed to looking for ways to make it work. With the proper mix of mass transit, energy efficiency, and other objectives there is no reason to believe this project couldn't meet AB 900 requirements."

"The Maloof's are wrong about the timing of the CEQA and appellate review process. The project could apply for the AB 900 process and be certified by the Governor and concurred in by the Legislature in less than 60 days. Under AB 900, the administrative record is prepared concurrently with the CEQA process, which shaves off a great deal of time from any back end delays. Similarly, the 175 day appellate court review is an outside deadline. The court could act sooner if parties participate as provided in the law."

"We stand ready to work with the city and the appropriate state agencies to ensure the project can qualify for expedited review but we need some willingness from our partners to start the process."

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