

Elon Musks Boring Company. Cancels Los Angeles Tunnel Following Lawsuit and Expose as Another Musk Ego Scam



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No amount of [flamethrower sales](#) could save Elon Musk's dream of building a tunnel beneath the 405 freeway in Los Angeles. On Thursday, Musk's Boring Company announced that it had settled a lawsuit opposing the project and it will not move forward.

[The Boring Company](#) has been a fly-by-the-seat-of-Musk's-pants operation from the moment he was stuck in L.A. traffic and [tweeted](#) his epiphany that the solution is underground tunnels. Since then, it's been hard to keep track of what's real, what's a pipe dream, and [what's a joke](#). Not only is the company working on tunnels in LA but it has deals for projects to whisk pedestrians and cars underground in [Washington, D.C.](#), and [Chicago](#). But the cancellation of the Westside tunnel project is a major blow to Musk's grand plan in the City of Angels.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) reports that the project's demise began shortly after the Boring Company obtained a [preliminary exemption](#) to skip California's environmental review process and start digging. The city's authorities have been friendly to Musk's plans, but a group of residents in the Westside area filed an [environmental suit](#) in May alleging that the tunnel violates state law.

The crux of the group's argument was that the Westside tunnel is part of a larger project that the company outlined with [a map](#) late last year. According to the suit, California law forbids the approval of individual facets of a larger project, stating that a full environmental review can't "be evaded by chopping large projects into smaller pieces that taken individually appear to have no significant environmental impacts." Yes, there's a certain irony to Musk trying to get around environmental regulations

when he spends his days trying to kill the fossil fuel industry and curb global warming with an electric car revolution.

Map of planned underground system
Graphic: The Boring Company

The Westside group did not get a ruling on its lawsuit; instead, it seems the two parties settled. The Boring Company did not

immediately respond to a request for comment from Gizmodo, but it sent a statement to [NBC News](#) that reads:

The parties (The Boring Company, Brentwood Residents Coalition, Sunset Coalition, and Wendy-Sue Rosen) have amicably settled the matter of Brentwood Residents Coalition et al. v. City of Los Angeles (TBC — The Boring Company).

The Boring Company is no longer seeking the development of the Sepulveda test tunnel and instead seeks to construct an operational tunnel at Dodger Stadium.

The [Dodger Stadium project](#) hopes to connect a Metro Subway station to the baseball stadium with a 3.6-mile tunnel. Sixteen passengers at a time will climb into pods that travel 150 mph on a high-speed rail, according to the company. Musk has also [announced](#) that a tunnel running a little over a mile beneath Hawthorne will open to the public on December 10, and Angelenos will be allowed to come and take free rides.