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Honorable Dale Bonner, Secretary
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Mr. James Earp, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
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Dear Secretary Bonner and Chairman Earp:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, I am writing to request that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) reprogram the \$97.3 million in Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) funds that were allocated to the Colton Crossing project in April 2008. It is our understanding that Union Pacific (UP) has been unsuccessful in meeting the deadline to have a Baseline Agreement in place by March 2010 as established by Government Code Section 8879.52 (d).

It is our intention to work with you to reprogram the TCIF funds for Positive Train Control (PTC) in our region. Recent developments have reaffirmed our commitment to the reprogramming of the Colton Crossing TCIF funds for rail corridor safety enhancements, specifically for the development of PTC in Southern California. We support reallocating the TCIF dollars to improve safety on our region's rail system.

Recently, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) granted \$33.8 million in TIGER funds for the Colton Crossing project. Although we are delighted that Southern California was granted federal funds, we are concerned that this project was recommended for funding by the State given the lack of support from the local and regional community. We believe the project will have significant challenges in meeting the TIGER timelines.

The Southern California Trade Corridors Consensus Group has previously communicated to Secretary Dale Bonner in October 2008 and July 2009 that the region does not support the allocation of the TCIF funds for the Colton Crossing project and would like to redirect funds. We are committed to working with our regional partners, the CTC and the Secretary to reprogram the \$97 million in TCIF funds. Metro strongly supports investing the funds in PTC to avoid tragic accidents like the one we experienced in the community of Chatsworth in Los Angeles County.

We look forward to working with you to reinvest the funds in rail safety that is critically needed in our Southern California region.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer