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Ara Najarian  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

RE: Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Najarian:

As the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Board of Directors prepares to deliberate its 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County, Metro must ensure that all of its transit projects compete for federal funding. Metro's request of the federal government must be geographically representative of the entire region.

With a new administration in Washington, D.C. there exists new opportunities for transit funding, and partnerships with the federal government. In November 2008, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure R, a half cent sales tax, to fund transit improvements in the region. Measure R included a diverse range of transit improvements that are representative of the entire region.

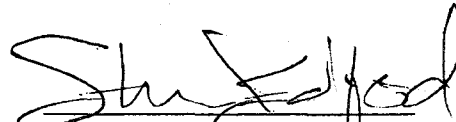
At your September board meeting, your board voted to engage the federal government for New Starts funds for the Regional Connector and the Westside Subway Extension. In keeping with the spirit of Measure R's geographic representation, Metro's "request" of the federal government should follow that same rationale and provide for an equitable and rational geographic balance.

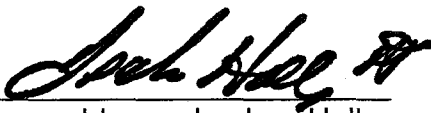
The federal "request" must be one that represents all regions of the County. It should include the Crenshaw/LAX Corridor and the Gold Line Foothill Extension, projects slated for construction within the first decade of Measure R.

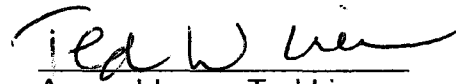
The Crenshaw/South Bay Transit Corridor will provide a major connection with Los Angeles International Airport, connecting the Green and Expo Lines and possibly the Wilshire Corridor, serving 12,800 to 15,600 riders. The Foothill Extension will improve mobility in the communities east of Los Angeles, which are expected to experience 30 percent population growth over the next 20 years.

We strongly urge you to have a more inclusive, regional and longer term federal funding strategy that positions Los Angeles County to receive its fair share of New Starts funding in the near- and long-term.

Sincerely,

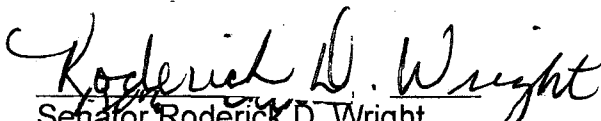
  
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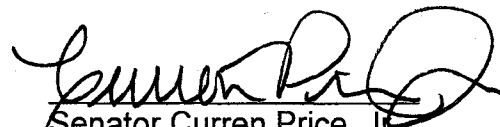
  
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