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**TIFIA LETTER OF INTEREST FOR
WESTSIDE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION SECTION 2**

Dear Ms. Garcia:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, I am submitting a Letter of Interest for a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Loan for the \$2.273 billion Westside Purple Line Extension Section 2 project. Our Letter of Interest (submitted under separate cover to TIFIAcredit@dot.gov) is for a \$307 million secured direct loan that is the critical next step in our New Starts financial plan for the Westside Purple Line Extension.

We appreciate USDOT's continuing support of bold, regional transportation projects. These projects are crucial to improving mobility in Los Angeles County and create jobs in the long term by improving our economic competitiveness and livability. We appreciate your consideration of this Letter of Interest and also look forward to executing a Full Funding Grant Agreement concurrently with the requested TIFIA Loan.

Should you have any questions regarding this Letter of Interest, please contact David Yale at (213)-922-2469 or via email at yaled@metro.net.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Therese W. McMillan, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration