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Dear Chairman Ridley-Thomas,

Barbara Romero
Secretary

On behalf of the LA River Revitalization Corporation (RRC), I urge your support for the proposed Rail to River Bikeway concept. Many other areas of the County have access to bike paths along rivers and rail rights-of-way. This project would expand similar opportunities for active transportation to the communities along the Harbor Subdivision, which are currently lacking in safe routes for cyclists.

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The RRC was created to support the implementation of the LA River Revitalization Master Plan, adopted by the City of Los Angeles in 2007. We are charged with catalyzing sustainable land use along the LA River. Our objective is to create healthy vibrant communities with greater open space, enhanced green infrastructure and better recreational facilities. One key component of this transformation is safely connecting communities to the 26 miles of Class-One Bike path that already exists on the L.A. River.

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The Rail to River is an exciting opportunity to make use of existing right-of-way while preserving it for future transit expansion. A rail-to-trail conversion along the Harbor Subdivision would extend the catchment area of the Crenshaw Line on one end while connecting to the regionally significant Los Angeles River Bike Path on the other, providing safe east-west mobility across South Los Angeles and adjacent cities.

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In addition, the communities along this corridor suffer from the highest rates of childhood obesity in the County, largely due to lack of safe opportunities for physical activity. The proposed project would help meet this need by creating a separated bicycle path where families could ride safely within and beyond their neighborhoods to schools, parks, and shopping destinations. The connection to the Crenshaw Line and multiple Metro Rapid lines would further increase multimodal mobility in accordance with LA River Revitalization Master Plan & Metro's goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Omar Brownson
Executive Director

