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The Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROPOSAL

Dear Chairman Beall,

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors would like to express its support for your transportation funding proposal, Senate Bill 1. On Thursday, January 26, 2017, Metro's Board of Directors formally adopted a Support Work With Author position on your proposed measure, SB 1. **We would also like to urge the Legislature to give serious consideration to this proposal and further urge the Legislature to approve a transportation funding plan during the 2017-2018 Legislative Session.**

We recognize that active discussions are underway on your proposal and we are hopeful that a consensus can be reached on a comprehensive proposal that would get the necessary two-thirds vote in the Legislature. As these discussions continue we would like to offer some general principles that we believe should be in any final proposal. Metro supports these key elements:

- **Commitment to funding for transit** that provides a stable and secure source for funding for operating our expanding transit services.
- **Moderate and balanced gas tax increases and fees** to provide a sustainable funding source for state and local transportation infrastructure to address important state of good repair needs as well as our freight network which supports a key sector of the State's economy.
- **Repayment of previous transportation loans** including providing funds to repay projects in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program.
- **Commitment to funding for regional freight** network priorities in support of Metro's goods movement efforts and technology.
- **A package of policy reforms** that would re-establish transportation infrastructure as a top priority for the State, aimed at capital project streamlining and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reductions, including extension of the authorization for Public Private Partnerships to accelerate highway projects throughout the state.
- **Extension of the State's National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) delegation** authority to streamline project approvals statewide by Caltrans.

As the Legislature considers this funding proposal, we are also urging the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation to support the aforementioned elements. Metro supports a comprehensive approach and seeks to refine the final proposal to ensure passage of a robust plan that addresses the State's long-term transportation needs.

We would like to thank you for your continued leadership and express our thanks to you in your work in addressing the mobility needs of the State, including the 10 million people who live in Los Angeles County. We look forward to working with you to incorporate Metro's priorities in a final proposal and reach a consensus.

With hope,

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