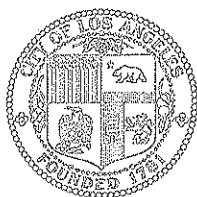


APPENDIX C: LETTERS OF SUPPORT





ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

August 18, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C., 20590

Re: Support for TIGER II Grant Application – Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my full support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) TIGER II request for \$138 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. The project is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will extend from the Exposition Line to the north to the Green Line Aviation/LAX Station to the south. It will provide a critical north-south link connecting the South Bay and Los Angeles International Airport area with the Exposition Line that is under construction.

As you know, this project is largely funded by Measure R, our latest transportation sales tax. This project also is part of our "30/10" initiative that seeks to accelerate construction of 12 new transit projects to 10 years instead of 30 as planned.

The \$43.7 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) portion of our funding request will enable MTA to leverage \$546 million in loan proceeds; we will pay back both principal and interest from Measure R.

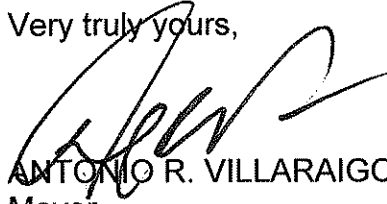
I strongly encourage the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) to grant \$138 million to MTA in order to expand its much needed transit system in the West Los Angeles and South Bay regions where there is limited rail service at this time. It will enhance mobility for corridor residents and businesses, stimulate economic growth, and improve air quality by reducing pollution and relieving congestion in this corridor.



The Honorable Ray LaHood
August 18, 2010
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Thank you in advance for considering our TIGER II grant application for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project.

Very truly yours,



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

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cc: MTA Board Members
Los Angeles City Council Members
Art Leahy, MTA Chief Executive Officer



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MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
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August 19, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
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Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) \$137.5 million TIGER II request for the Crenshaw/Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Transit Corridor Project. Specifically, LACMTA is requesting \$93.8 million in TIGER II Grant assistance and \$43.7 million in TIGER II TIFIA payments.

The Crenshaw/LAX Project, a local sales tax-funded (Measure R) project that is part of LACMTA's 30/10 Initiative, is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will extend from the Exposition Line at the intersection of Exposition and Crenshaw Boulevards in the north to the Metro Green Line Redondo/LAX Station to the South region of Los Angeles County. It will provide a critical north-south link connecting the South Bay and LAX area with the Exposition Line that is currently under construction, providing access to downtown Los Angeles and West Los Angeles, two major employment and housing destinations. The overall project also includes an intermodal transit center providing a central hub for Metro and municipal bus service in the LAX area and connections to the planned LAX Automated People Mover to be constructed by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) at Aviation and Century Boulevards.

Support for this project will allow LACMTA to continue to expand its needed mass transit system in a region where there is limited rail service at this time. No part of Los Angeles County has waited longer for light rail public transit, and no neighborhood has more potential for successful transit-oriented development, including strong agendas for sustainable design and affordable housing. It will enhance mobility for corridor residents and businesses, stimulate economic growth, create jobs and improve air quality by reducing pollution and relieving congestion in this corridor.

I wholeheartedly support this grant application.

With hope,


Mark Ridley-Thomas

Supervisor, Second District

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August 18, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to convey my strong support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II request of \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. This Measure R project is part of LACMTA's 30/10 Initiative. LACMTA is requesting \$93.8 million in TIGER II Grant assistance and \$43.7 million in TIGER II TIFIA Payments.

The Crenshaw/LAX Project is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will extend from the Exposition Line at the intersection of Exposition and Crenshaw Boulevards in the north to the Metro Green Line Aviation/LAX Station. It will provide a critical north-south link connecting the South Bay and LAX area with the Exposition Line that is currently under construction, providing access to downtown Los Angeles and West Los Angeles, two major employment destinations. The overall project also includes an intermodal transit center providing a central hub for Metro and municipal bus service in the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) area and connections to the planned LAX Automated People Mover to be constructed by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) at Aviation and Century Boulevards.

I strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant \$150 million to LACMTA so that it may continue to expand its needed mass transit system in the West Los Angeles and South Bay regions where there is limited rail service at this time. It will enhance mobility for corridor residents and businesses, stimulate economic growth, and improve air quality by reducing pollution and relieving congestion in this corridor.

Thank you in advance for considering my strong support for LACMTA's TIGER II request of \$150 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. If you have any

questions, please contact Dennis Rodriguez, my Economic Development Deputy, on my staff at (213) 473-7008 or at Dennis.Rodriguez@lacity.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard C. Parks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

BERNARD C. PARKS
Councilmember

BCP:df



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT

August 19, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:


It is a pleasure to write in strong support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II request of \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. This Measure R project is part of LACMTA's 30/10 Initiative. LACMTA is requesting \$93.8 million in TIGER II Grant assistance and \$43.7 million in TIGER II TIFIA Payments.

The Crenshaw/LAX Project is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will extend from the Exposition Line at the intersection of Exposition and Crenshaw Boulevards in the north to the Metro Green Line Aviation/LAX Station. It will provide a critical north-south link connecting the South Bay and LAX area with the Exposition Line that is currently under construction, providing access to downtown Los Angeles and West Los Angeles, two major employment destinations. The overall project also includes an intermodal transit center providing a central hub for Metro and municipal bus service in the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) area and connections to the planned LAX Automated People Mover to be constructed by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) at Aviation and Century Boulevards.

Again, I strongly support the request and urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant \$150 million to LACMTA so that it may continue to expand its needed mass transit system in the West Los Angeles and South Bay regions where there is limited rail service at this time. Approval of this project will enable our region to enhance mobility for corridor residents and businesses, stimulate economic growth, and improve air quality by reducing pollution and relieving congestion in this corridor.

Your favorable consideration of the LACMTA's TIGER II request of \$150 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


HERB J. WESSON, JR.
Councilmember, 10th District

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Daniel K. Tabor
COUNCILMAN, District One

August 20, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to convey my strong support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II request of \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. This Measure R project is part of LACMTA's 30/10 Initiative. LACMTA is requesting \$93.8 million in TIGER II Grant assistance and \$43.7 million in TIGER II TIFIA Payments.

The Crenshaw/LAX Project, a local sales tax-funded (Measure R) project that is part of LACMTA's 30/10 Initiative, is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will extend from the Exposition Line at the intersection of Exposition and Crenshaw Boulevards in the north to the Metro Green Line Redondo/LAX Station to the South region of Los Angeles County. It will provide a critical north-south linkage to the South Bay and LAX areas. Additionally, the overall project also includes an intermodal transit center providing a central hub for Metro and municipal bus service in the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) area and connections to the planned LAX Automated People Mover to be constructed by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) at Aviation and Century Boulevards.

I strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant the requested \$137.5 million to LACMTA so that it may continue to expand its needed mass transit system in the West Los Angeles and South Bay regions. It will enhance mobility for corridor residents and businesses, stimulate economic growth, and improve air quality by reducing pollution and relieving congestion in this corridor.

Thank you in advance for considering my strong support for LACMTA's TIGER II request of \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Tabor
Councilman, District 1

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504

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August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Los Angeles County's Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II Grant Applications

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to strongly support the Los Angeles County's Metropolitan Transportation Authority's applications for Tiger II Discretionary Grants to help fund the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor, the State Route (SR) 138 Safety and Capacity Enhancements, and the Exposition Corridor Light Rail Project.

- **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project** - This is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will extend from the Exposition Line at the intersection of Exposition and Crenshaw Boulevards in the north to the Metro Green Line Aviation/LAX Station. It will provide a critical north-south link connecting the South Bay and LAX area with the Exposition Line that is currently under construction, providing access to downtown Los Angeles and West Los Angeles, two major employment destinations.
- **State Route (SR) 138** – This project, applying for TIGER II grant assistance under the rural category for safety and capacity enhancements, will develop 2.6 miles of State route 138 between 165th Street East and 190th Street East near Llano. The project includes widening the roadway from a 2-Lane undivided highway into a standard 4-lane highway and adding a median lane and turn pocket.
- **Exposition LRT Phase 1** – Funding for this project will allow LACMTA to develop safety enhancements and paths for pedestrians and bicycles. The enhancements will expand 8.6 miles from the existing Metro Red/Purple Rail Station at 7th/Metro Center in downtown Los Angeles to the proposed Venice/Robertson Station in Culver City.

The Los Angeles County's Metropolitan Transportation Authority's operates the third largest public transit system in the country and is vital to the region. These are all worthy projects and I kindly ask that you give the requests every consideration. Please keep my office informed of the status of their applications, and if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to have your staff contact Michael Davies in my Los Angeles office at 310-914-7300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

DIANE E. WATSON
CALIFORNIA



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Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to convey my strong support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II request of \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. This Measure R project is part of LACMTA's 30/10 Initiative. LACMTA is requesting \$93.8 million in TIGER II Grant assistance and \$43.7 million in TIGER II TIFIA Payments.

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I strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant \$137.5 million to LACMTA so that it may continue to expand its needed mass transit system in the West Los Angeles and South Bay regions where there is limited rail service at this time. It will enhance mobility for corridor residents and businesses, stimulate economic growth, and improve air quality by reducing pollution and relieving congestion in this corridor.

Thank you in advance for considering my strong support for LACMTA's TIGER II request of \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Watson
Member of Congress

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August 19, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to support the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II request for \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, which is part of the 30/10 Initiative that we recently discussed. As part of this grant request, LACMTA is requesting \$93.8 million in TIGER II Grant assistance and \$43.7 million in TIGER II TIFIA Payments.

The Crenshaw/LAX Project is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will provide a critical north-south link connecting the South Bay and LAX area with the Exposition Line that is currently under construction, providing access to downtown Los Angeles and West Los Angeles – two major employment destinations. The overall project also includes an intermodal transit center providing a central hub for Metro and municipal bus service in the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) area and connections to the planned LAX Automated People Mover at Aviation and Century Boulevards.

I strongly encourage your Department to grant \$137.5 million to act favorably on LACMTA's application so that it may expand its needed mass transit system to help connect the South Bay to the greater Los Angeles region. This project will not only enhance mobility for corridor residents and businesses, but with the current economic and employment challenges we are facing, it will also stimulate job and economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration of LACMTA's TIGER II grant request of \$137.5 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project.

Regards,



JANE HARMAN

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