June 18, 2016

Board of Directors
Metropolitan Transit Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Proposed Ballot Initiative

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council was very disappointed when we saw the details of Metro’s proposed Ballot Initiative. We would like to request that the measure be amended to include the extension of the Green Line to San Pedro. Below is the full text of our resolution, which provides our rationale for this request:

Whereas the Metropolitan Transportation Authority has developed a draft ballot initiative for 2016 in which San Pedro remains unconnected by rail through 2040; and

Whereas Metro has invited community input regarding the content of such a proposition; and

Whereas there is a lack of connectivity by public transit between the major transportation hub that is the LA Cruise Terminal at the Port of Los Angeles to the remainder of the city in general and LAX specifically; and

Whereas LA Metro owns 90% of the needed ROW to create a link between the cruise ship terminal and LAX. An extension of the Green Line to the cruise terminal at the Port of Los Angeles was studied in Metro's Alternative Analysis Study - November 2009 and with construction beginning on the Airport Metro Connector station the case for this rail alternative to the 405 between LAX and the Port is even stronger; and

Whereas the 1999 MTA and CRA "Downtown San Pedro Transit Hub Mixed Use Development Study" recommends the establishment of a multimodal transit center near downtown San Pedro as being one of the few locations in the area supporting transit-oriented residential, commercial and mixed-use densification of scale; and

Whereas the 1999 LADOT and MTA "South Bay & Gateway Transit Restructuring Study" recommends the establishment of a regional transportation center in San Pedro as it is also the terminus of eight regionally significant bus routes; and

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Whereas there will be increased traffic impacts from the San Pedro Public Market waterfront development and AltaSea project; and

Whereas a key factor in establishing rail as an alternative to car trips is to reach a critical mass of coverage such that major transportation hubs and points of interest are connected and the Port of Los Angeles is both such types of destination; and

Whereas a light rail link with dedicated right-of-way as an alternative to a major freeway corridor would help alleviate congestion and reduce associated air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas seen in the recent 405 Sepulveda Pass expansion, additional highway lanes do not guarantee a decreased travel time.

Now therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Metropolitan Transit Authority include funding for the extension of the Green Line to San Pedro in the proposed ballot initiative.

Approved unanimously 6/13/16

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Ray Regalado, President

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
    Councilman Joe Buscaino
    Councilman Mike Bonin
    David Anthony Roberts
    Manny Lopez
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