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January 24, 2008

The Honorable Pam O'Connor  
Chair, Los Angeles County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair O'Connor:

I am writing on behalf of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG) to convey our support for Westside transportation projects in Metro's draft update to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Specifically, the Westside Cities COG strongly supports the completion of the Expo Light Rail Line, Phases I and II, as a baseline project in the 2008 LRTP.

The Westside Cities COG member cities recognize that there is to be further work developing the strategic, or unfunded, list of projects in the plan. We are encouraged, however, by the strong performance of the western extension of the Purple Line in previous board reports. As work continues on preliminary studies of this extension, we urge the board to consider that the extension of the Purple Line is a necessary and viable project which would improve mobility and relieve congestion in Los Angeles County. This potential project would not merely serve the residents of the Westside cities, but would have positive impacts on traffic patterns throughout Southern California.

Finally, we urge the Board to include the I-10/Robertson/National Area Circulation Improvement Project in the strategic component of the LRTP update. This project is in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan and has received some federal funding. The Westside Cities COG believes this project is key to improved management of congestion on the I-10 Freeway and important to the successful operation of and access to the Expo Light Rail Line.

The Westside Cities COG members look forward to continuing our work with you and the entire Metro Board of Directors on these and other important transportation projects in the region. The Westside Cities COG will submit formal comments on the LRTP update during the comment period this spring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Briskman", with a large, stylized flourish at the beginning.

Linda J. Briskman  
Councilmember, City of Beverly Hills  
Chair, Westside Cities Council of Governments

cc: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors  
Westside Cities Council of Governments Board