



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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NANCY KRASNE
MAYOR

July 14, 2009

Ara Najarian, Chair
Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Chair Najarian:

The City of Beverly Hills City Council strongly urges that Metro Board of Directors adopt the 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan with the Westside Subway Extension included as part of the "funded" element of the LRTP. The City of Beverly Hills supported Measure R with the goal of expediting the construction of the Westside Subway Extension. We are pleased to see that Metro staff has recommended that this project be included in the funded element of the LRTP.

The Westside Cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica and West Hollywood prepared a Westside Mobility Study in 2003. The study concluded that "improvements to roadways and the existing transit systems will not solve traffic congestion problems on the Westside." All of the Westside Cities subsequently adopted resolutions supporting three long term transportation initiatives: The Westside Subway Extension, Exposition Light Rail Project and I-10/Robertson interchange improvements. Additionally, the City of Beverly Hills appointed an 18-member citizen's Mass Transit Committee in 2006 that unanimously acknowledged the need and benefits of a Westside Subway Extension to serve the City of Beverly Hills.

As shown in studies conducted by Metro, the Westside Subway Extension is a strong performing line that will benefit not only Westside residents but a large population of employees who commute daily to Westside Employment Centers. We strongly endorse Metro staff's recommendation to include the Westside Subway Extension in the funded element of the LRTP.

Thank you for considering our position on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Krasne".

Nancy Krasne
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Beverly Hills City Council
Metro Board Members
Arthur Leahy, Metro CEO