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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor Brown,

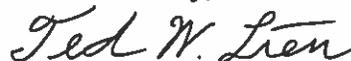
Thank you for your leadership on transportation issues facing California, which we know are of critical importance as our population continues to grow. I am writing in support of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) grant application for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) funding, which requests \$231.3 million to design and construct the Metro Green Line Extension to the city of Torrance. This project extends the Green Line 4.6 miles from Redondo Beach to the new Regional Transit Center in Torrance.

SB 1 is a long-term transportation reform and funding package that includes new revenues for improving our roads and highways to increase safety and efficiency, building and improving bridges and overpasses, and extending light rail and subway lines in cities and municipalities across our state. Metro's proposed SB 1 projects generate significant benefits to Los Angeles County, which is home to 25% of California's population. Relatedly, LA County has the worst traffic congestion in the entire state, amounting to 46 million vehicle hours of delay. Additionally, Metro plans on leveraging millions of dollars in local matching funds, which have been approved by the LA County residents who overwhelmingly chose to prioritize the need to improve our local transportation infrastructure.

The ultimate goal of the new Torrance Regional Transit Center is to give South Bay residents and visitors more access to Metro transportation. If awarded this grant, Metro will use these SB 1 funds to serve commuters in my Congressional district and across this vast County by enhancing reliability, reducing transit travel times, and increasing connectivity to key transportation hubs such as the Los Angeles International Airport, regional rail centers, and California's upcoming High Speed Rail stop at Union Station. The goal of Metro's Green Line Extension project is to increase transit ridership, ultimately resulting in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that will positively affect our environment. These funds will help the Los Angeles achieve that reality.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



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cc: Secretary Brian Kelly, California State Transportation Agency