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Mr. Gene Seroka  
Executive Director  
Port of Los Angeles  
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Subject: Closure of San Pedro Red Car Line

Dear Mr. Seroka:

At today's meeting, the Metro Board directed that I formally request the Port of Los Angeles defer closure of the Red Car line or at a minimum, keep the portion of the Line that is not immediately needed for road improvements operating. I understand that the Line's last day of service will be September 27, 2015. Further, the Board directed that Metro work with the Port to discuss options for temporarily suspending the Federal Freight Abandonment process while Metro evaluates reasons for the proposed closure and identifies options to maintain service on shorter segments and relocated stations including potential funding sources. Attached for your information is the Metro Board adopted motion. In approving this motion, the Board stated that it did not want to stop the Waterfront redevelopment.

Metro staff has discussed the Board approved motion with your staff Kerry Cartwright, Director of Goods Movement and Tony Gioiello, Deputy Executive Director. They agreed to arrange an in-depth briefing with Metro staff on the Red Car project. My staff looks forward to this briefing in the next few weeks.

While we jointly address the Red Car Line, I request that you defer its closure until more information can be obtained. We appreciate the cooperative working relationship that Metro has with the Port of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Phillip A. Washington  
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment

cc: Metro Board of Directors  
Tony Gioiello, Port of Los Angeles  
Kerry Cartwright, Port of Los Angeles  
Martha Welborne, Metro  
James Gallagher, Metro