

## **MIKE BONIN**

## City of Los Angeles Councilmember, Eleventh District

September 16, 2022

Mr. Jacob Lieb Senior Director, First/Last Mile Planning LA Metro Countywide Planning and Development One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: First/Last Mile Project Submissions in Council District 11

Dear Mr. Lieb,

On behalf of Councilmember Mike Bonin, I would like to express our office's support for the projects outlined below as part of the Purple Line Extension First/Last Mile Plan and Aviation/96th St First/Last Mile Plan. These projects have strong community support and increase access and safety for people walking and bicycling to access Purple Line Extension stations and the Aviation/96th St. They either close key gaps in the Westside subregional bike network that feeds into the station areas or provide critical linkages for people walking and taking the bus to connect with rail. All are eligible based on the criteria of the Metro Board-adopted First/Last Mile Policy.

- Century City/Constellation Station
  - Santa Monica Blvd Protected Bike Lane on Santa Monica Blvd between S Sepulveda to Moreno (Modification to Bike Project 1)
  - Bicycle Friendly Intersection on Santa Monica Blvd & Westholme/Prosser (Modification to Bike Project 3)
- Westwood/VA Hospital Station
  - Westwood Protected Bike Lane on Westwood Blvd south to National (Modification to Bike Project 1)
  - Ohio Ave PBL/Bike Friendly Street on Ohio Ave from Westgate to Westwood (Modification to Bike Project 3)
  - Ohio Ave gap closure from Ohio West of SMB to Ohio East of SMB (Modification to Bike Project 3)
  - San Vicente to Federal bike gap closure FROM San Vicente Blvd south of Bringham through Federal to Ohio (Modification to Bike Project 8)
  - Bicycle Friendly Intersection on San Vicente Blvd at Wilshire (Modification to Bike Project 10)

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- Aviation/96th St (Airport Metro Connector) Station
  - o 98th St Bus Stops on 98th St (Modification to New 98th St Tier 2 Project)
  - Arbor Vitae/Westchester Bike Lane on Arbor Vitae/Westchester from Sepulveda Westway to Aviation (Modification to Arbor Vitae Tier 2 Project)
  - Century Blvd Streetscape on Century Blvd from Airport Blvd to La Cienega Ave (Modification to Century Blvd Tier 1 Project)
  - Aviation Blvd Walk/Wheel Connection on Aviation Blvd from Arbor Vitae to Century (Modification to Aviation Blvd Tier 1 Project)

These projects are critical to creating a comprehensive suite of First/Last Mile solutions that ensures people of all ages and abilities can access stations. Ensuring Metro prioritizes these projects as part of the Purple Line Extension First/Last Mile Plan and Aviation/96th St First/Last Mile Plan will increase overall community support for the plans and increase transit ridership over time.

Our office supports these projects and urges you to include them as high priorities in their respective First/Last Mile Plans. If you have any questions about these projects, I can be reached at <a href="mailto:eric.bruins@lacitv.org">eric.bruins@lacitv.org</a>.

Regards,

**ERIC BRUINS** 

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