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July 9, 2020

Mr. Philip Washington
CEO
LA Metro
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: High Desert Intercity Rail Corridor Development Plan

Dear Mr. Washington,

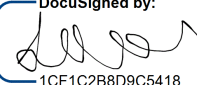
DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC (“DesertXpress”) is pleased to partner with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro as the lead agency), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to develop the High Desert Intercity Rail Corridor Service Development Plan (Project) between the City of Palmdale in Los Angeles County and DesertXpress’s planned station in the Victor Valley in San Bernardino County.

Please consider this letter of support as our commitment to provide matching funds in the amount of \$250,000 and an additional \$375,000 of in-kind support towards the Project. In-kind support will include support for engineering, operations planning, financial modeling, stakeholder outreach, and the development of a funding plan. These services would otherwise need to be contracted to a third-party by LA Metro.

By leveraging the substantial private investment DesertXpress is making in rail infrastructure in California, and by connecting to our planned intercity high-speed rail system, LA Metro as the lead agency seeks to expand connectivity into Los Angeles County to create new economic, environmental and transportation benefits. The public-private partnership between LA Metro, SBCTA, CalSTA and DesertXpress is a model for transportation investment and we strongly encourage your favorable consideration of LA Metro's application.

We look forward to working with LA Metro to enhance mobility throughout Southern California.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Watterson
President