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Via email to: WigginsS@metro.net, and cc: YohA@metro.net

Re: Support for programming \$1.8 million in FY 2022-2023 Metro budget to fund completion of the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study

Dear Ms. Wiggins,

As Metro conducts its FY 2022-2023 budgeting exercise and approval, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) strongly supports the programming of \$1.8 million to complete the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study ("Study"). The full amount requested is required so the Study, underway since summer 2021, can conclude with the conceptual engineering of and meaningful community input regarding high-quality transit service projects needed to improve mobility in underserved areas of the San Gabriel Valley. If the Study is completed, it will provide the basis for the identification of a Near Term Transit Investment making use of the Measure M funding identified by LA Metro.

The Study was initiated in July 2021 following a Metro Board motion directing that the Study be funded by LA Metro and conducted by SGVCOG in partnership with LA Metro staff. LA Metro and SGVCOG staff agreed that the comprehensive feasibility study proposed would be conducted in two phases, with LA Metro providing initial funding for the first phase and with the mutual understanding that the complete study would be fully funded.

The first phase of the Study is on schedule to be completed by the end of June 2022. The Study has successfully defined mobility challenges and service gaps in the San Gabriel Valley and identified 15 initial transit corridor improvement concepts addressing east-west and north-south corridor improvements needed to connect and improve mobility. These initial concepts are being screened and Phase 1 of the Study will conclude with ridership, capital and operations and maintenance cost analysis of the most promising solutions. The initial alternatives have been well received at city, stakeholder and community meetings so we expect to complete this phase and be ready to proceed with Phase 2 at the start of the new fiscal year (2022-2023).

The second phase of the Study will develop conceptual engineering for the most promising alternatives identified in the first phase, possibly including bus rapid transit corridors, light rail corridors, and transit hubs similar to the El Monte Busway Station to provide convenient access to connecting services within the San Gabriel Valley and for longer

distance travel. Community outreach efforts during this phase will support and build upon prior efforts so that we may continue the focus on underserved communities, and elicit opportunities for meaningful user and community feedback on the conceptual engineering alternatives.

The SGVCOG appreciates your attention to this request and looks forward to a continued productive partnership with LA Metro in concluding the Study. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the Study's Project Manager, Alexander Fung, at afung@sgvcog.org or (626) 463-8439.

Sincerely,



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