

## CITY OF LAWNDALE

## Office of the Mayor

ROBERT PULLEN-MILES

Mayor

July 19, 2018

Chairperson Mayor Eric Garcetti and Members of the Metro Board Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Mail Stop 99-22-3 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Metro South Bay Green Line Extension – Proposed Transit Station in Lawndale

Dear Chairperson Mayor Eric Garcetti and Members of the Metro Board,

One July 16, 2018 the Lawndale City Council approved sending this letter to the Metro Board to communicate the City's opposition to a planned Transit Station on or near the north-east corner of Inglewood Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. This action was prompted at this time due to a request from Metro staff for such a letter.

The proposed Transit Station is part of the planned Metro Green Line Extension through the City of Lawndale. Since the inception of the Green Line Extension by Metro, the City of Lawndale has been opposing any route of the Green Line through the City of Lawndale due to the negative and harsh impacts the project will have on thousands of residents and many businesses. In addition, the proposed location at the north-east corner of Inglewood Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard is approximately 3,600 rail feet from the existing Metro Transit Station at Marine Avenue.

While opposed to the project, mitigation measures such as undergrounding and residential retro-fitting and sound-proofing have previously been communicated to the Metro Board and staff by the City. With this letter the City of Lawndale is on record as opposing the proposed Transit Station that is only two-thirds (2/3) of a mile from an existing Metro transit station.

Sincerely,

Robert Pullen-Miles

Mayor

CC:

Meghna Khanna, Metro

Members of the Lawndale City Council

Sean Moore, Lawndale Community Development Director



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July 18, 2018

Mr. Phillip A. Washington Chief Executive Officer Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Dear Mr. Washington:

The Green Line extension to Torrance will bring much needed transportation infrastructure to our region. Each day thousands of commuters leave the South Bay and travel North for work or leisure, creating the congestion that consequently affects quality of life for all residing in the greater Los Angeles area.

On July 17, 2018, the Redondo Beach City Council received a report and voted unanimously supporting the submittal of this letter to your offices.

On behalf of the Redondo Beach City Council, we urge you and the Metro Board to proceed with a full project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) studying Alternative 3 in an elevated position. This would address many of our residents' concerns and allow the line to traverse a popular commercial corridor.

In the event the Metro Board chooses to study Alternatives 1 or 2, we would furthermore urge that the EIR address trenching in Redondo Beach, south of Grant Avenue, through the future RB transit center, under 182nd Street and along the existing Right of Way until it needs to ascend back up to the elevated track crossing Hawthorne/190th Street. While this is not the preferred route for our residents, we believe these suggested mitigations would be most beneficial to their quality of life and future traffic patterns along 182nd Street. Lastly, the City Council opposed and did not support further consideration of Alternative 4.

I would be happy to discuss the concerns and suggestions with you, staff and the Board Members. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William C. Brand



Board of Directors Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza, 99-3-1 Los Angeles, CA 90012

August 10, 2018

Dear Metro Board of Directors:

In October 2017, the South Bay Service Council received a South Bay Light Rail Extension Project update; multiple public comments on the project have been received at subsequent Council meetings.

At our July 13, 2018 meeting, the South Bay Service Council voted to formally express support for the South Bay Light Rail Extension project to move forward. More specifically, we urge the Metro Board to authorize moving this project forward into the Environmental Impact Study phase inclusive of all alternatives to be considered.

The South Bay Service Council recognizes that neighboring communities have their individual concerns regarding this project; we encourage Metro to continue its extensive community outreach efforts and to work through those concerns with the local municipalities and community groups. This letter evidences our strong support for advancement of the Green Line Extension to Torrance Project.

The members of the South Bay Service Council respectfully request that the Board direct staff to recommend alternatives for consideration and further review through the Environmental Impact Study process. We will continue to work with Metro to address community concerns and support the project's outreach efforts, and look forward to the provision of expanded transit access for our region's constituents through the eventual completion of this project.

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Sincerely,

Ralph Franklin

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