

PLEASE USE YOUR BUSINESS/PERSONAL LETTERHEAD

Dear Mr. / Ms. _____,

I am writing to you as a concerned (resident / business owner / employer / employee) to express my support for vital public transportation and infrastructure improvements on the Westside of Los Angeles County. The Westside is the second largest employment center in the region with nearly 500,000 jobs and is home to some of the worst traffic congestion in the United States. Funding is required to move much-needed transportation projects from the drawing board to reality. To accomplish this, I strongly urge you to support:

- 1) **Exposition Light Rail to Santa Monica:** funding is needed to complete the Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail line in its entirety, seven miles from Culver City to Santa Monica. Phase 1 will link downtown Los Angeles to Culver City with construction expected to begin in late 2006. While funding has been allocated to perform the Phase 2 environmental studies, approximately \$750 Million is needed to finish the project. The line will parallel the congested Interstate 10 and provide a viable transportation option. The projected ridership of 72,000 boardings per day will only be realized when the line is complete to Santa Monica.
- 2) **Westside Subway Extension:** funding is required for a subway route that will serve the Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and West Los Angeles communities. The immediate need is funding for project planning and to prepare environmental clearance. This line would provide a significant transportation improvement to a corridor with high employment and residential densities.
- 3) **Reconfiguration of I-10 Interchange at Robertson/Venice:** the \$2 million federal appropriation will fund the planning, design, and preliminary engineering of the project to address the junction of five major boulevards and four I-10 ramps. The appropriation must be allocated as part of the federal budget. Subsequent construction is estimated at \$100 million.

The robust economic base and diverse cultural and recreational amenities on the Westside warrant both the Exposition Light Rail and Westside Subway Extensions. These two distinct projects serve separate corridors and have different project timelines. The three major transportation projects outlined above will make a significant difference in people's lives. Thank you in advance for your support and leadership in securing this needed funding.

Sincerely,