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June 16, 2016

Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair
Mr. Phillip A. Washington, Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: <u>Request to delay adoption of the LA County Traffic Improvement Plan for the Proposed Ballot Measure, pursuant to Senate Bill 767 (De León, Chapter 580, Statutes of 2015)</u>

Dear Chair Ridley-Thomas and Mr. Washington:

I write to respectfully request that you postpone consideration of the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan (the Plan) for the proposed ballot measure (PBM) until the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee (the Committee) has an opportunity to review the Draft Plan at a public hearing.

I recognize that the LA Metro Board of Directors would like to decide on the PBM as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for placement on the ballot. For that reason Senator Jim Beall, Chair of the Committee, has set the hearing on June 24th, 2016 in Los Angeles. It is my hope that you will be able to participate in the hearing and help us understand what is included in the Plan and how it was developed.

As you know, I authored SB 767 last year to authorize LA Metro to place a transaction and use tax increase for transportation on the ballot. That measure centered on the use of a bottoms-up approach by LA Metro to develop the expenditure plan that would be ultimately included in the PBM. Given the involvement of the state on this matter and feedback Senators have received directly from local stakeholders, we believe it is appropriate to hold an oversight hearing to discuss how LA Metro evaluated proposed projects and sequenced those projects in the Plan and also to assess the fairness and equity of the Plan.

We appreciate all of the work you and your teams have dedicated to providing greater mobility options to LA County residents. This hearing will allow time to reflect on whether or not the expenditure plan is meeting the transportation needs of residents throughout the County. I

appreciate your consideration. Please contact my office at (916) 651-4024 should you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

KEVIN DE LEÓN
President pro Tempore
Twenty-Fourth Senate District

cc: Senator Jim Beall, Chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
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