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The Honorable Fran Inman
Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: MAY 16-17, 2018 ITEM #18 – SENATE BILL 1 IMPLEMENTATION

Dear Chair Inman:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors, I am writing to express our strong support for the staff recommendations for funding from SB 1. With respect to the California Transportation Commission Meeting Item #18 – Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) Implementation Update, I would also like to express our agency's sincere appreciation for the continued leadership of the California Transportation Commissioners as stewards of the Senate Bill 1 funding and implementation efforts.

SB 1 is a long-term transportation reform and funding package that contains new revenues to make much-needed road safety improvements, fill potholes and repair local streets, expand public transit, build highway improvements, bridges and overpasses throughout the State of California. The bill would raise at least \$5 billion annually to relieve the State's worst congestion and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **These investments are monumental to revolutionizing transportation in Los Angeles County and in the Southern California Region.**

With SB 1 funding, Metro can expand upon the commitments in Measure M to accelerate project delivery, expand public transit and reduce congestion and improve air quality in some of the most polluted communities in the State of California. This funding will also help us to advance our 28 by 2028 Initiative and deliver important transportation improvements for Los Angeles County to accommodate the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

Metro's overall SB 1 Program of projects generates significant benefits to the County, the region, and the State. Metro's Multi-modal Transportation Program submitted for Discretionary Grants for Los Angeles County:

- **Maximizes the State's investment by leveraging almost \$7 billion in local and federal investments.** Metro's overall local match between the three SB 1 programs is 77% of the total project costs.
- **Impacts the region and state's economy by generating over 30,000 local jobs.**

- **Improves air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions** by over 5,600,000 cubic tons over 30 years which will help the State reach ambitious emissions reductions goals and SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- **Reduces time stuck in traffic by decreasing Vehicle Miles Traveled** (or hours of delay) by over 797,000,000.

Major projects sponsored by Metro have historically been constructed under Project Labor Agreements, with significant benefits extending beyond our county borders. 37 percent of the construction workers hired under Project Labor Agreements lives outside of L.A. County, with over 3,300 such jobs to date, and total gross pay of over \$95 million. These job impacts affect the Southern California region as a whole, and increase economic vitality, state-wide. We anticipate that this trend will continue with the delivery of SB 1 projects.

Los Angeles County plans to partner with the State using SB 1 funds to increase inter-county mobility and economic output through a multi-modal program of investments. Metro's entire program of SB 1 projects enjoys broad support from local government, business and community groups from around Los Angeles County. Lastly, I would like to reiterate Metro's commitment to deliver these projects in a timely manner and our commitment to work closely with the Commission to highlight project milestones.

With my sincerest appreciation,

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Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer