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RE: Measure M - SUPPORT

Honorable John Fasana, Chairman and Honorable Eric Garcetti Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairman Fasana and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti:

On behalf of the CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, I am writing to express our support for Measure M - the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan. Currently, there are 10.2 million people living in Los Angeles County, and we are projected to grow by 2.3 million people in the next 40 years. Traffic congestion and air pollution are expected to get worse with more growth, and this measure is intended to raise critical funds to meet those needs.

Measure M is expected to generate an estimated \$860 million a year in 2017 dollars, and Metro's goals for the expenditure plan are to:

- 1. Ease traffic congestion; improve freeway traffic flow, and reduce bottlenecks;
- 2. Expand the rail and rapid transit system; accelerate rail construction and build new rail lines; enhance local, regional, and express bus service; and improve system connectivity;
- 3. Repave local streets, repair potholes, and synchronize signals; improve neighborhood streets and intersections, and enhance bike and pedestrian connections;
- 4. Make public transportation more accessible, convenient, and affordable for seniors, students, and the disabled; and provide better mobility options for our aging population;
- 5. Earthquake-retrofit bridges, and keep the transit and highway system safe and in good working condition;
- 6. Embrace technology and innovation; incorporate modern technology, new advancements, and emerging innovations into the local transportation system;
- 7. Create jobs, reduce pollution, and generate local economic benefits; increase personal quality time and overall quality of life; and
- 8. Provide accountability and transparency; protect and monitor the public's investments through independent audits and oversight.

In addition to supporting broader County-wide projects, funding from this measure will be critical to several local projects which will provide value to the South Bay region specifically. It is for these reasons that Hermosa Beach supports Measure M.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Hermosa Beach

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