



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Nicholas T. Conway

April 16, 2010

Ara Najarian, Chair  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Dear Chair Najarian:

On April 15, 2010, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) voted unanimously to adopt a position of "support in concept if amended" with regards to the City of Los Angeles' 30/10 Plan. It is our understanding that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Board of Directors is scheduled to consider a position on this proposal at their April meeting. The SGVCOG supports the basic precepts of the 30/10 plan, which would utilize innovative financing strategies to accelerate the completion of Measure R funded transportation projects throughout the County of Los Angeles. However, in order to strengthen this proposal, and more greatly benefit the entire region, the SGVCOG proposes the following amendments:

1. **Highways:** Expand the proposal to include needed highway projects that were included in the Measure R ballot proposal. This will address issues of subregional equity as well as improve the quality of life for all residents throughout the County.
2. **Public-Private Partnerships (P3):** Expand the proposal to incorporate commitments to all six identified P3 projects, both rail and highway. Metro is widely recognized as the leading agency on this innovative strategy. The P3 highway projects, including the High Desert Corridor, the 710 South Expansion, and the 710 North Tunnel Gap Closure, are nationally significant due to their role in regional mobility and freight movement and should be accelerated.
3. **Federal Priority Projects:** Expand the proposal to include all four Federal priority rail projects, rather than limiting it to only those recommended for New Starts funding (i.e. the Downtown Connector and the Subway to Westwood). The two other rail projects, the Gold Line Foothill Extension to Claremont and the Crenshaw Line to LAX were both included in Measure R and were adopted as Federal priorities as part of Metro's consensus Long Range Plan. Accelerating and closing the funding gap in the LRTP on these projects will further balance subregional equity and better serve the entire region.

Given these amendments, the SGVCOG would support Metro moving forward to secure funding and implement the City of Los Angeles' 30/10 plan. We concur that our region is uniquely positioned to secure Federal support for this effort due to the passage of Measure R, and that advancing these transit and highway projects will address quality of life, transportation, and air quality issues. In the event that Metro moves forward with this proposal, we look forward to continuing to work with your agency to address implementation issues related to construction and operations.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at (626) 564-9702.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. King  
President

Cc: Metro Board of Directors  
Art Leahy, CEO, Metro  
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