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Metro Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

RE: Comments on the Draft Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan

Dear LA Metro Board of Directors,

I write to express my comments on the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan.

Since the inception of the I-710 freeway, residents along the corridor have suffered through the negative health impacts of increased air pollution and freight traffic. The freeway became notorious for its polluting characteristics, earning it the name "the Diesel Death Zone." The Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan results from the persistent and tireless advocacy of residents and community-based organizations against the proposed widening.

Transparency must be a top priority in the implementation phase of this investment plan. The comments during the Community Leadership Committee's vote underscore the need for greater transparency regarding the origin of the projects receiving an initial investment and which ones originated from the community.

I urge Metro to continue engaging communities and renew its commitment to the corridor's residents with improved access to sustainable alternative transportation and a guarantee that no displacements or increases of pollution will occur due to this plan.

I look forward to seeing the outcome of this investment plan and our continued collaboration as it moves forward. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (323)277-4560.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lena Gonzalez".

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