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The Honorable Jim Frazier  
Chair, Committee on Transportation  
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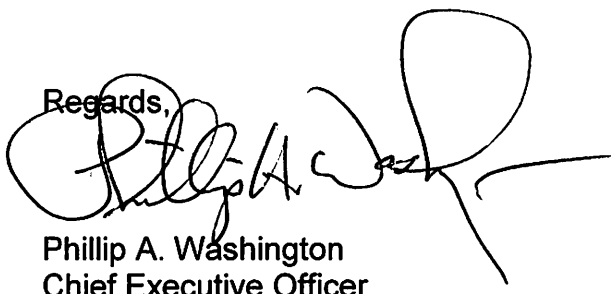
Dear Chairman Frazier,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors (Metro), I am writing to express our continued support for the California High Speed Rail Authority's (CAHSR) investment plan for the Bookend Projects. The CAHSR intends to invest a total of \$500 million Bookend funds in the Link Union Station Project and the Rosecrans Marquardt Grade Separation Project that would connect, change and enhance the way Californians move throughout this vast State as outlined in the CAHSR 2018 Draft Business Plan. The CAHSR early investment in these projects will ultimately be needed for High Speed Rail and will provide immediate and needed benefits to existing rail services. The Rosecrans Marquardt Grade Separation Project in conjunction with the Link Union Station Project will increase regional rail capacity and improve regional rail operational performance.

We are specifically encouraged by the commitment in the Business Plan to invest in the Link Union Station Project that converts the station to a run through tracks terminal. This important early infrastructure investment will provide significant operational benefits to the regional Metrolink rail system that serves the five counties of the Southern California region (Riverside, Ventura, San Bernardino, Orange County, and Ventura County) as well as on the intercity Amtrak rail line which provides service from San Diego to San Luis Obispo and all the counties in between. Most importantly, the Link Union Station Project will accommodate High Speed Rail service in Los Angeles. I appreciate and welcome the CAHSR's partnering with Metro to deliver the Link Union Station project. With this partnership in place, the historic Los Angeles Union Station will be the epicenter for passengers traveling on local, regional and high speed rail in Southern California.

I look forward to working with you and our agency partners to enhance the rail transportation system in Southern California.

Regards,



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Chief Executive Officer