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Phillip A. Washington Chief Executive Officer Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90112

Dear Mr. Washington,

As a member of the Los Angeles City Council, it is my duty to represent the constituents of District 12 in the San Fernando Valley. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I also understand the importance of capital projects that improve the safety of our transportation rail corridor.

Recently, our office has heard from many residents who will be directly impacted by one of those capital projects. Part of the Raymer to Bernson Double Track Project will involve adding a second track within the rail corridor right of way. Residents whose homes are adjacent to the track have expressed their concerns for how the public outreach was handled. Furthermore, the methodologies used to prepare the technical reports such as the Noise and Vibration Memo have been identified by the community as a concern.

Protecting our neighborhoods and preserving our quality of life is of the utmost importance to me. Therefore, I am urging the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to follow up and work on addressing concerns such as additional clarification on the Technical Reports, the environmental review process and the reasoning behind the location of the new track.

Please contact my Planning Deputy, Brian Oh at (818) 882-1212 or Brian.Oh@lacity.org if you would like to further discuss.

Sincerely.

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