



June 20, 2013

Metro Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 531776  
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RE: Comments on the Proposed Amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan

Chairman Antonovich and Directors;

On behalf of the Irwindale City Council, this letter is to express concerns regarding the proposed Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment that was presented by Metro CEO Art Leahy. We feel the amendment is outdated and should be revised. Additionally, we do not feel that the proposed amendment reflects the desires of the voters nor is it sufficiently transparent.

In reviewing the proposed amendment, certain parts were either incomplete or incorrect. For example, the expenditure plan was put together in 2008. Since then extensive studies have been conducted on transit projects, however, information from those studies were not included in the plan. Also, the amendment does not provide information regarding the additional costs associated with accelerating certain projects.

In the transit section, there are line items with information that is outdated. The actual cost estimates for completing projects can and should be listed in the expenditure plan amendment, as well as the Measure R funding for each project, and the additional costs associated with any project acceleration.

The Foothill Extension project is an example of a project whose information should be updated in the plan. The amendment should reflect the true "estimated total cost" of \$1.714 billion to complete the project, the completion year should be updated, and the plan should include information related to the completion of the entire project and not just certain phases.

The expenditure plan requires an update of work performed over the last five years, such as agency planning work, new information on estimated total costs for each project, the assumed Measure R funding, a timeline update for project completion, and additional funding planned for accelerated projects.



In managing transportation funding, there should be transparency. The expenditure plan must provide a full understanding of how and when Measure R funds are being spent. As the Board considers accelerating the projects, it must reveal how much the acceleration of certain projects will cost. Furthermore, the plan must show how the allocation of funds by Metro, and additional costs, will impact the completion of other Measure R projects.

In conclusion, we have found the current expenditure plan amendment to be inadequate. We would encourage the Board to deem it unacceptable as presented and require staff to provide an updated plan that accurately reflects comprehensive, accurate information about each project.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our concerns and hope that the Board will take the appropriate action to rectify these shortcomings of the current expenditure plan amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian A. Miranda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Julian A. Miranda  
Mayor

cc: Eric Garcetti, Mayor-elect, City of Los Angeles  
Art Leahy, Metro CEO  
Habib F. Balian, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority CEO  
Irwindale City Council