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RE: METRO GOLD LINE & EXPENDITURE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW

Chairman Antonovich and Directors

On behalf of the City of Ontario, I am writing to express concerns about the latest Expenditure Plan Amendment and provide a letter of support for Gold Line extension through Claremont with ultimate connection to the Ontario International Airport.

As active members of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority JPA, we have a vested interest in the success of regional transportations systems. We would recommend that submitted expenditure plan amendments be inclusive of all financial and statistical data that is required to create a comprehensive analysis of project impacts for public review. This should include total estimated costs for all phases, potential funding streams, and completion timelines for each project.

We fully support the full project to Claremont and encourage termination beyond simply the City of Azusa. We are especially in support of the "Strategic Planning Study Report" released in December 2008 that examined and supported the Ontario Airport Extension that will develop the Gold Line approximately eight miles from Montclair to Ontario. After construction, this route will give Southern California travelers easier access to Ontario International Airport (ONT), the region's only unconstrained international airport. Our City is ready and able to support the development of a world class public transit system with the inclusion of the light rail extension for significant mutual transit and economic benefits as concluded in the planning study.

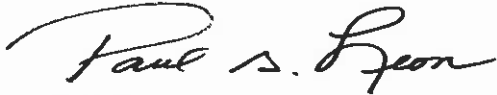
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We look forward to working with all of our area partners to ensure the creation of a public transit system that supports the growing needs of Southern California's traveling public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul S. Leon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "L".

PAUL S. LEON

Mayor

c: Eric Garcetti, Mayor-elect, City of Los Angeles  
Art Leahy, CEO, METRO  
Habib Balian, CEO, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority