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Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza, 99-3-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Silver Line Enhancements

Dear Metro Board of Directors:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), I want to express our strong support for two issues that the Board is addressing concerning service on the Silver Line.

Extending Silver Line service to San Pedro

The Silver Line currently terminates at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center (HGTC) forcing a transfer from other Metro routes that serve the HGTC and other South Bay destinations. MetroBus trips between San Pedro and downtown Los Angeles could become more direct under the proposed Silver Line service change that was announced at the Metro Board meeting on June 25th.

Extending Silver Line service from the HGTC to the Carson and PCH stations on the I- 110 Freeway, and the park and ride lot near First Street and Beacon Street in San Pedro will not only create a single-ride Silver Line service between the San Pedro and downtown Los Angeles but also will serve to intercept riders from adjacent areas such as the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Ticket Vending Machines at Harbor Gateway Transit Center

It is our understanding that Metro is planning to place TVMs at Silver Line Stations including 4 at the HGTC with a pending Tiger grant. Should that grant not be awarded, then consideration would be given to placing 2 TVMs at the HGTC with other funding.

HGTC is a major hub for South Bay passengers. Approximately 5,000 transit patrons are served by the HGTC daily, of which almost 2,200 are Metro Silver Line patrons. It is a hub for services provided not only by Metro's Silver Line, but also for nine other high-volume Metro Bus lines, as well as Gardena's GTrans and Torrance Transit. Boarding an empty bus can take two to three minutes, partially due to the delay attributable to patrons purchasing TAP cards from the bus operator. Installation of TVMs at HGTC would help to speed up bus boarding, potentially improving on-time performance of Metro services, as well as expanding opportunities for Metro patrons to purchase and load their TAP cards, both of which will serve to improve the experience of Metro patrons. At least 2 machines at the location is important so that customers can still be served when there are problems with the first machine.

Please note that the northern terminus of the Silver Line, El Monte Station, already has several TVMs in place. Extending the line to San Pedro and installation of additional TVMs at HGTC would help to provide

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geographic equity to the southerly end of the Silver Line and ExpressLanes transit enhancements. Further, the San Pedro extension and removing barriers to ticket purchases such as lines could help encourage ExpressLanes users and other potential patrons to shift to transit as well as try it for the first time for special events such as the new Dodger Stadium ExpressLanes shuttle service.

SBCCOG support

The Silver Line has shown rapid growth and is highly successful. By extending the service to San Pedro and adding TVMs to the HGTC and other Silver Line stations on the I-110, Metro's service on this important line for both regular and discretionary riders will be improved. We urge you to support both of these enhancements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Gazeley".

Jim Gazeley, SBCCOG Chair
Mayor Pro Tem, Lomita