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Dear Chairman Najarian:

On behalf of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board of Directors, I am writing to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort that you are personally taking to facilitate a ground breaking in mid 2010.

Let me start by thanking you and Mr. Leahy for attending the sign unveiling that the Construction Authority held at the future site of the Monrovia station, and for your supportive comments as Metro Chairman on that occasion. Let me also thank you for arranging and attending the meeting held earlier this week between the Construction Authority staff and Counsel and Metro's staff and Counsel. Authority staff report that both agencies came away from the meeting confident that the Fund Transfer Agreement Term Sheet will be ready for consideration at your board meeting in January. It is particularly important that this does happen, because the project schedule is directly linked to establishing the funding stream for the project. This first agreement will also help with the development of the Master Cooperative Agreement which will be needed early next year.

I was concerned to learn though, that a number of new issues were raised at the meeting by Metro staff that may create serious delays, including the potential to slow down (and possibly even derail) the city of Monrovia's progress towards environmentally clearing 25 acres required for the Regional M&O Facility. One such issue was the nearly doubling of the number of cars that must be acquired before Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa) can be operational. Of particular concern was the statement that Metro does not have the ability to acquire these cars, and that it consequently would not be able to operate the line upon completion.

I am, of course, hopeful that these issues can be resolved with your assistance and guidance; and we appreciate your willingness to set up and attend the follow-up meeting in early January to finalize the details of the Fund Transfer Agreement.

Assuming that both boards are able to approve the Fund Transfer Agreement Term Sheet in January, it will be my recommendation to my board to move forward with the issuance of the RFP for design-build work on the Iconic Freeway Structure (the first of two major design-build packages for Phase 2A). The RFP will be ready to go out in January, and if issued on schedule will allow a June 2010 groundbreaking. Six world-class teams have pre-qualified to compete for the bridge structure work. I believe that I can speak for my entire board when I say that we would not be comfortable releasing the RFP until the Fund Transfer Agreement Term Sheet is approved by both Boards. It would not be fair to our design/build teams to put them to the expense of preparing their proposals without the Measure R funding for the project in place.

Again, I am hopeful that these issues will be resolved in the coming weeks and that we can continue on our schedule, making quick progress for Measure R and the county voters.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need my assistance to move any of these issues forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Hanks", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keith Hanks
Chairman

Cc: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension
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