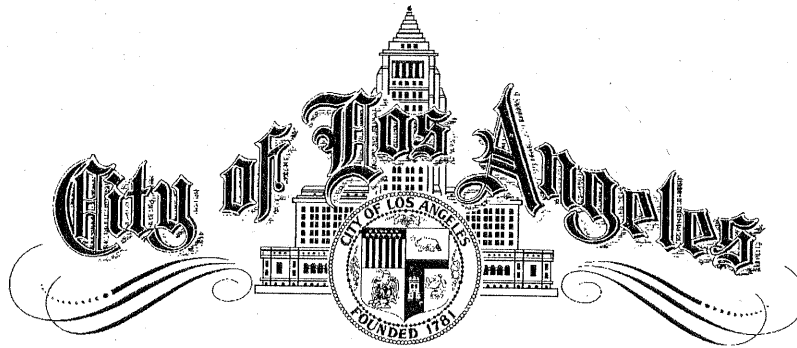


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December 16, 2009

Ara Najarian, Chair
METRO Board
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
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Dear Chairman Najarian:

I have followed with great interest the activities relating to the future Monrovia Maintenance and Operations facility under consideration. As a Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board member having been involved with the project since its inception, I am interested in this important issue not only as it relates to the overall operation of transit to a transit dependant area of my district, but how the M & O facility impacts my district and resident's quality of life.

As you know, Midway Yard is in my district and is operating at capacity since the opening of the Eastside Extension. As ridership continues to grow on the entire Metro system, an adequate M & O facility must be built to meet the demands of today and the extensions into the San Gabriel Valley and Eastside Extension into the future. The placement of Midway Yard adjacent to the LA River was to be a temporary ten year agreement until a larger more suitable site was located along Phase 2. This was the premise for the placement of the temporary Midway Yard site and what was promised to the community.

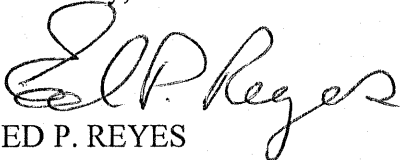
As the Foothill Extension moves into the next phase of implementation, locating an appropriate site has been a challenge to the San Gabriel Valley cities whose efforts to identify potential sites resulted in a uniquely suitable candidate in Monrovia. It's adjacency to the corridor project and availability makes this 28 acre site ideally suited to serve current and future needs.

Mayor Lutz and the City of Monrovia have made significant progress in identifying this site and developing a strategy for building community consensus. The City along with the

Authority met with Metro on several occasions and developed a framework plan allowing for the expeditious environmental clearance to be performed by the City of Monrovia in a timeframe that permitted the Authority to begin construction in June in anticipation of operation by Metro as early as 2013. The current Authority plan establishes an August 2013 pre-revenue testing period to begin and the turnover of storage track/facilities. The plan schedule relies on Metro and the Authority executing specific agreements including Fund Transfer Agreement, MCA, Railroad Relocation Agreement in January so that the City of Monrovia can move ahead with their plans toward environmental clearance.

I encourage your leadership in seeing that Measure R projects get implemented timely and that opportunities like the Monrovia site are not lost. Please feel free to contact me at 213-473-7001 should you wish to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed P. Reyes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

ED P. REYES
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