



# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

April 25, 2023

Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Item 18—End of Line Policy Motion Response**

Dear Chair Najarian and Directors,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, thank you and the Metro team for evaluating the end of line policy and reviewing service options for passengers who are required to disembark when trains are taken out of service for cleaning. Last year, the City requested that Metro evaluate this policy, and we appreciate the opportunity to coordinate with staff on potential ideas to expand resources for people experiencing homelessness riding the Metro system across the region.

We recognize the urgent need to serve A Line passengers who are required to disembark the train at the end of line, when there are typically no beds or services available. During a Wrigley Association neighborhood meeting last month in the area nearest to Willow and Wardlow Stations evaluated by Metro, many residents and business owners expressed concerns about siting a service hub in proximity to park space and local schools.

While Metro's evaluation considers the logistics, infrastructure needs, and capacity of the parking lots at Willow and Wardlow Stations, the City is committed to ensuring that we conduct community engagement prior to making decisions about programs that may have impacts on surrounding areas. Evaluating all options near the Metro Blue Line Yard where trains are sent for cleaning is critical to ensure community members have enough information to engage on this issue.

**For this reason, we request that Metro also evaluate the option of providing services for A Line riders at the Del Amo Station in its feasibility study.** This station is in an industrial area that is nearly one mile from the closest school or park, and is physically closer to the service yard than both Willow and Wardlow Stations. It also has a sizeable parking lot of more than 360 parking spaces.

We are excited to continue working with Metro, Los Angeles County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to identify additional services and resources for people experiencing homelessness who ride the A Line. Thank you for your partnership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Rex Richardson  
City of Long Beach