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The Honorable James Butts, Chair,
Members of the Metro Board of Directors
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Re: Flower Street Bus Lanes

Honorable Chair and Metro Board Members,

At our July 10, 2019 meeting, the Westside/Central Service Council (WSC) discussed the success of the Flower St. bus-only lane. As transit users and advocates, our Councilmembers have both experienced the success of the lane as well as received positive feedback from both other transit users as well as many of the bus operators who have benefited from use of the lane.

Based on that discussion, the Council adopted a motion to extend the Flower Street bus-only lane as a pilot for at least the remainder of the current fiscal year, which would be beyond the reopening of the northern portion of the New Blue Project. We propose that during this pilot, Metro collect empirical data on ridership, on-time performance, the ridership experience, and other municipal bus operators' experience. To effectively manage the project to the same level of success and bus throughput, we request that the same resources be dedicated to enforcing the lane during the pilot. Should the results of the pilot prove that the bus-only lane is a worthwhile investment, we would propose that Metro work with the City of Los Angeles to make the bus-only lane permanent.

We will continue to work with Metro to address community transportation concerns and improvements. We are hopeful that this pilot will help the Los Angeles County residents see the benefits of and to support implementation of more bus lanes throughout the region.

Sincerely,

Martha Eros
Chair, Westside/Central Service Council

Madeline Brozen
Vice Chair, Westside/Central Service Council

cc: Phillip Washington