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Honorable John Fasana
Chairman
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Dear John:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board of Directors, thank you for attending our meeting last Thursday evening. We appreciate hearing your perspectives and the time that you took to listen and respond to our members about their concerns with Measure M on the November ballot.

As you heard, our next Board meeting is on September 22 and between now and then, several of our cities will be considering their own positions on Measure M. Receiving information on the outstanding issues that were identified at our meeting will be helpful to them in their deliberations and also to the SBCCOG Board when we discuss the issue again.

To review, we requested:

- A legal opinion on the following Measure M-related items:
 - That the LACMTA Board of Directors can flexibly interpret the population based formula for Local Return subsequent to the election in a manner that would be different from the previous propositions – A, C and R that allocate their Local Return sub-funds based only on resident population, rather than using a more balanced formula that considers night-time and/or daytime populations of workers and residents.
 - That the Citizens' Advisory Committee is limited to only considering project acceleration and cannot change the funding allocations and projects in any other way.
 - That the 3% city obligation for cities with rail stations can include projects that aren't traditionally in the baseline budget and the actual basis can be negotiated between LACMTA and the local jurisdictions with a range of federal, state, LACMTA, or local funds, or even paid with private investments or in-kind services.
- An explanation of the 'nebulous fund' from which the money was taken for the almost \$1.2 billion worth of projects added to the expenditure plan at the June 23, 2016 Metro Board of Directors meeting.
- Confirmation that the Airport Connector Project at Aviation/96th Street is a system connectivity project and is not considered a South Bay project and therefore is not included in the calculation of the fair share of Measure M funding that the South Bay should be receiving.

Once again, thank you for your time. We look forward to receiving the information requested and any other additional information that you think would be pertinent for our cities and Board members.

Sincerely,

Jim Osborne, SBCCOG Chair
Councilman, City of Lawndale

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