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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Metro Vermont Transit Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Project and
Measure HLA

Dear Mr. Schneider,

The City is in receipt of your letter dated September 30, 2024, addressed to Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, and copied to Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto. The purpose of this letter is to state that Measure HLA – The Los Angeles Safe Streets for All Initiative (Measure HLA) does not apply to Metro.

Specifically, the plain language of Measure HLA, now codified at Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 85.11, limits the requirements of Measure HLA to City projects: *“Whenever the City makes Improvements to a segment of a City-owned Mobility Plan Street ... shall be installed along that segment as part of the improvements undertaken by the City.”* LAMC Section 85.11(b)(1) (emphasis added). Moreover, the official ballot description of Measure HLA is consistent with the plain language of Measure HLA: *“Require the City to install street modifications as described in the Mobility Plan whenever the City improves at least one-eighth mile of a City street.”* Voter Information Pamphlet (emphasis added).



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In short, Measure HLA does not apply when non-City entities, public or private, carry out their own projects in the City's streets. Metro's Vermont Transit Corridor project, therefore, does not trigger any City obligations under Measure HLA.

Sincerely,

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cc: Karen Bass, Mayor
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Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager
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Stephanie Wiggins, CEO
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