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Honorable Barry Brucker, Mayor  
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Dear Mayor Brucker:

I am aware that a report about the Westside Subway Extension prepared by Exponent, consultants working for the City of Beverly Hills, was released last Friday. We have forwarded this report to our technical team who will be reviewing the information it contains. We appreciate that the City is conducting appropriate due diligence to review Subway planning documents.

The Exponent report is a review of our technical reports, the Century City Area Tunneling Safety Report and the Century City Area Fault Investigation Report, that were released on October 19, 2011. Obviously it will take our technical team some time to properly review your document and report to us. In the meantime, I wanted to note some key points:

- The MTA reports released last October were prepared in accordance with well-established protocols by highly qualified scientists and engineers including Dr. James Dolan of USC and Dr. Thomas Rockwell of San Diego State University who is also the former group leader of the Southern California Earthquake Center. Further, they were independently reviewed by two separate panels of experts in geology, seismology and engineering. Some of the experts who reviewed the reports include Dr. Harvey Parker, Dr. Geoffrey Martin and Dr. Edward Cording who are all on the independent MTA Tunnel Advisory Panel. They were also reviewed by Dr. Paul Jennings who is the former provost of Caltech and Dr. Lucy Jones of the USGS who both served on the Independent Review Panel.
- The MTA reports that Exponent reviewed are only a part of the Final EIS/EIR for the Westside Subway Extension. The full report will contain a great deal of information including the main document itself and numerous appendices and technical reports. They may contain information and analysis relevant to some of the questions and concerns raised by your consultants.

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One of the issues highlighted in the Exponent Report is the risk of methane gas. It should be noted that the subway has operated for nearly 20 years in a methane gas area in downtown Los Angeles without incident. Moreover, Congress lifted a federal funding ban on subway tunneling in the Westside in 2007 following a report from an independent task force finding that advances in

subway tunneling in the past two decades had made tunneling safe in areas of methane and other gases.

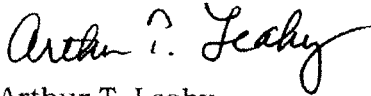
- The Beverly Hills Unified School District has followed-up with us since the release of our reports last October. We have provided them with answers to their questions, copies of requested reference documents, and allowed their representatives to review core samples at the offices of our technical consultants. We have also asked to visit the trenches on the Beverly Hills High School campus while they are open and are awaiting their approval. Firsthand review of the trench data will not be possible once the trenches are covered over.

After the Final EIS/EIR is approved for release by the Federal Transit Administration, there will be a public review period before it is presented to the MTA Board of Directors some time later this year.

We look forward to working with the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District as these analyses proceed. I can assure you that MTA will not select an unsafe alternative for the subway.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (213) 922-6888.

Sincerely,



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