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January 17, 2023

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

VIA EMAIL

RE: Support of the Automated Bus Lane Enforcement Pilot Program and Interest in Exploring an Expanded Program in the Future ([CF21-1224](#))

Dear Council President Krekorian and Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

On behalf of the City of West Hollywood, I write to you to convey the City's support of the item to pilot a partnership with Metro to utilize automated cameras for the enforcement of parking violations in bus lanes ([CF21-1224](#)) and to express our interest in exploring an expanded program in the future that does not stop at the City's border.

The City of West Hollywood has been proud to partner with the City of Los Angeles and Metro on the La Brea Avenue Bus Priority Lanes Project which is scheduled for construction later this month. Though most of the project is in the City of Los Angeles, it includes a short segment in the City of West Hollywood. When the West Hollywood City Council voted unanimously to support the La Brea Bus Lanes project in December 2021, it also directed staff to explore the viability of a potential future bus priority lane enforcement partnership. Additionally, West Hollywood joined Metro in supporting the enabling legislation for automated bus lane enforcement AB 917 Bloom, Chapter 709, Statutes of 2021.

As such, we would like to thank you for taking up this item to put the staff and resources in place for such a partnership with Metro and encourage you to proceed with the pilot program. If the pilot proves successful, we look forward to the opportunity to further expand our partnership with Metro and the City of Los Angeles on this shared mobility corridor to ensure seamless and efficient operations of the new La Brea Avenue Bus Priority Lanes. Doing so will improve mobility for the 12,000 overwhelmingly transit dependent daily riders of Metro Line 212 and City-operated transit service on La Brea like West Hollywood's free Cityline Commuter shuttle to the Hollywood/Highland Metro B (Red) line station. We look forward to continuing a close working relationship with the City of Los Angeles on this and other mobility projects.

Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if we can be of assistance on this or other initiatives.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sepi Shyne".

Sepi Shyne
MAYOR

Enclosures: January 2021 Letter to Metro Supporting the La Brea Bus Priority Lanes Project & Interest in Exploring an Automated Bus Lane Enforcement Partnership

C: Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee
Doug Mensman, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, Director of Transportation
Julia Brown, Metro Community Relations Manager



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January 5, 2022

Ms. Stephanie Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

VIA EMAIL

RE: Support for the Metro La Brea Avenue Bus Priority Lanes Project & Interest in Exploring an Automated Bus Lane Enforcement Partnership

Dear Ms. Wiggins

On behalf of the City of West Hollywood, I write in support of the Metro La Brea Avenue Bus Priority Lanes Project. Though most of the project is in the City of Los Angeles, it includes three blocks of La Brea Avenue in the City of West Hollywood from Romaine Street to Fountain Avenue at the eastern edge of the City. Shared bus/bike lanes were recommended for this segment of La Brea Avenue in the City's adopted Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan from 2017 and City staff are working with Metro to ensure our residents and stakeholders are aware of the project and opportunities to provide input. On December 20, 2021, the West Hollywood City Council voted unanimously to formally express our support for the project and direct our staff to explore the viability of a potential future bus priority lane enforcement partnership with Metro to ensure the ultimate implementation of the project is successful.

While our number one transportation priority and ask of Metro remains the acceleration of the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line (Crenshaw North), we would like to thank you for advancing this and other shared transportation priorities in the meantime. The La Brea Avenue Bus Priority Lanes project will not only improve speed and reliability for Metro Line 212 and its 12,000 overwhelmingly transit dependent daily riders, but also for existing City-operated transit service on La Brea like West Hollywood's free Cityline Commuter shuttle to the Hollywood/Highland Metro B (Red) line station. Additionally, all three remaining alternative routes under consideration for Crenshaw North include a stop at Santa Monica Boulevard and La Brea Avenue so Metro's proposed bus priority lanes will also one day extend the reach of future rail service with an improved first/last mile bus connection on La Brea Avenue. With estimates of bus speed improvements of 15% or more and the potential to increase service frequency and reliability while moving people more efficiently, we look forward to expanding our partnership with Metro as you work to implement this project.

Over the course of Metro's public outreach to our community and the broader La Brea corridor, a number of public comments were submitted with suggestions for project enhancements from considering extended limits or hours of operation for the project to exploring enhanced visibility treatments like red pavement treatments and ensuring adequate enforcement.

As you know, West Hollywood joined Metro in supporting AB917 (Bloom) which allows transit agencies to work with local jurisdictions to automatically enforce parking violations in bus priority lanes and at bus stops through forward facing cameras mounted on transit vehicles. The City of Los Angeles recently passed a motion to explore such a partnership ([CF21-1224](#)) and, while that effort may not be ready for expansion to other jurisdictions, we have asked our staff to consult with Metro and LADOT to understand the administrative and technical mechanisms that would be necessary for West Hollywood to potentially participate in a similar bus lane enforcement partnership with Metro for this shared mobility corridor.

While our jurisdiction comprises a small share of the overall project, we are proud to partner with Metro on the first of Metro's recent bus priority lane projects that is not entirely within the City of Los Angeles and the longest to date. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if we can be of assistance on this or other initiatives.

Respectfully,



Lauren Meister
MAYOR

Cc. Honorable Members of the Metro Board of Directors
Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Julia Brown, Metro Community Relations Manager
Patrick Chandler, Metro Community Relations Manager
Nolan Borgman, Metro Transportation Planning Manager (OEI)