



August 18, 2020

Mr. Phillip A. Washington  
Chief Executive Officer  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: Support for the Crenshaw Northern Extension Project EIR

Dear Mr. Washington:

On behalf of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and over 800 of our member organizations, **we support the Northern Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX Line project and encourage Metro to authorize the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) contract at your August 2020 meeting.** As we work to rebuild the economy, we strongly support your efforts to prioritize transformative projects like Crenshaw North in becoming shovel-ready for future economic stimulus and infrastructure spending.

Together with the under-construction Crenshaw Line, Crenshaw North will connect Hollywood with a large portion of the Greater Los Angeles region, providing equitable transit opportunities for those needing greater access to healthcare, employment opportunities, and entertainment venues. This project supports the Hollywood Walk of Fame Master Plan in ensuring alternative mobility options for visitors and local community members have access to the Walk of Fame and surrounding Hollywood business district. Crenshaw North will help reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, improve transit as a sustainable and efficient alternative to driving, and promote car-free tourism across the region.

In fulfilling an important promise of Measure R, Crenshaw North will not only eliminate the need for countless riders to travel Downtown to transfer between north-south and east-west Metro rail lines but allow further economic growth for local businesses during unprecedented times.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your leadership on this project. If you have any questions please contact Carli Olson, Director of Public Policy and Economic Development via email at [carli@hollywoodchamber.net](mailto:carli@hollywoodchamber.net) or (323)785-1761 ext. 115.

Sincerely,

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