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Arthur T. Leahy, Chief Executive Officer
METRO
One Gateway Plaza MS9925-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: 2009 Call For Projects: Broadway Multi-Modal Park & Go Transit Parking Structure

Dear Mr. Leahy:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") submits this letter of support for the Broadway Multi-Modal Park & Go Transit Parking Structure project (Project) submitted in response to METRO's 2009 Call for Projects. DLANC has consistently supported projects designed to further the City's Bringing Back Broadway Initiative, including capital projects that relate to improving transit along Broadway and other transit corridors in Downtown Los Angeles.

The Project requests a small portion of the total funding needed for land acquisition for a multi-level "Park and Go Transit" municipal parking facility. The facility will be located in the center of a regional transit area on Broadway between 6th and 8th Streets, adjacent to three intermodal facilities and over 100 bus lines, the City's commercial and civic centers, and significant numbers of social/cultural destinations in the urban core. Accordingly, the new parking facility will encourage employees and visitors who choose to drive to Downtown to park once and enjoy multiple destinations via public transit or by walking and bicycling. The Broadway Park & Go facility will provide parking Downtown for those who require it, and provide user-friendly info and access to non-vehicular transit to get around Downtown and beyond via adjacent regional rail system and buses.


The rich history and tremendous future potential of Broadway make its revitalization a priority, and a new parking structure has been identified as critical to those renovation efforts. The twelve historic theatres at the heart of the district need parking to support the reactivation of a variety of cultural and entertainment uses. Additionally, a million square feet of commercial space in the upper floors along Broadway is vacant. In order to encourage the reuse of this space, increased commercial parking must be made available to support the long-term utility of one of the oldest commercial corridors in the City, as parking in the area is at or near 100% daytime occupancy.

The Project will also integrate with a new way-finding and real-time transit project to provide walkable/bikable routes to Downtown destinations. By improving multi-modal transportation uses, the Project will reduce traffic, encourage transit ridership, walking/bicycling and reduce pollution. As such, the Project is consistent with the City's sustainability initiatives, including compliance with SB375.

We strongly encourage METRO to prioritize this Project as critical to Downtown, and fully fund the amount requested. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

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Shiraz D. Tangri
DLANC Planning & Land Use Committee Co-Chair

CC: Councilmember Jose Huizar (Council District 14)
Jessica Wethington-McLean (Executive Director, Bringing Back Broadway)