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May 24, 2017

John Fasana, Chair  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency Board of Directors  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairman Fasana:

We share the same priority of reducing congestion and providing cleaner, safer, transportation options for all Los Angeles County residents. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency (Metro) has consistently worked to invest in transportation projects that keep millions of Californians moving each and every day. While I appreciate all of the work that Metro and its board have done to improve our highways and freeways, particularly in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District and surrounding region, I urge you to reject any proposal to fund and build the State Route 710 Tunnel.

Research has consistently shown that adding lanes to an existing roadway does not decrease congestion over the long-term. The opposition to the project from cities and neighborhoods within my district and surrounding communities, coupled with the inconsistent cost estimates, potential for increased pollution, and safety concerns should provide ample rationale for the rejection of the proposal.

I strongly encourage you to consider more innovative options that integrate transit, active transportation, and more efficient goods movement in lieu of the proposed State Route 710 Tunnel. A multimodal approach will give area residents and the surrounding communities sustainable transportation options that fit the diverse needs of our region and economy.

As always, I am happy to discuss this issue and transportation policy and investments in general with Metro at any time. Please feel free to contact my district office at (818) 558-3043 if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Friedman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" and last name "Friedman" clearly distinguishable.

LAURA FRIEDMAN  
Assemblymember, 43<sup>rd</sup> District