February 23, 2017

John Fasana, Board Chair
Phillip A. Washington, Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chief Executive Officer Washington and LA Metro Board of Directors:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CeSPNC) is thankful to LA Metro for providing our stakeholders with buses that connect us to different parts of Los Angeles County. We hope you will expand that connectivity in the future, as we have felt our community has been unfairly isolated in the past.

The CeSPNC supports the $21 million that LA Metro is planning to invest to replace antiquated diesel buses that now operate on the 205 and 232 lines, which service the Los Angeles Harbor Area.

As you may know, the people of the Los Angeles Harbor Area are subject to the worst air quality in the county. The transition you are planning will provide stakeholders in Central San Pedro with less polluted air; you will also become more consistent with the statement that is prominently displayed on LA Metro Buses: “Nation’s Largest Clean-Air Fleet.” Currently it is a shame to see that text on buses that emit black diesel exhaust when they travel past our parks and schools. Our families have as much right to clean air as everyone else in Los Angeles County.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges you to expedite the transition of obsolete diesel buses to Compressed Natural Gas buses for service on lines 205 and 232.

We also encourage the introduction of buses that are propelled by alternate “green” sources, such as hydrogen fuel cell, electricity, et cetera.

We look forward to hearing from you in response to our requests.

Sincerely,

Mona Sutton, President
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

CC: Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Joe Buscaino