



Metro

Matthew Welbes, Executive Director
Federal Transit Administration
Office of Program Management
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

June 9, 2017

Dear Mr. Welbes,

On behalf of the Los Angeles South Bay Service Council, please accept this letter in support of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LA Metro) application to the FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program 5339(c).

The proposed project seeks to replace the remaining 36 diesel buses that are currently operated by contract service operators in the South Bay sector of Los Angeles. The South Bay is the *only* LA Metro service area where diesel buses are still in operation. These buses are well past their useful life and as a result, experience maintenance issues that erode the level and quality of service provided to South Bay residents and visitors, and contribute to local and regional air pollution. Selection of LA Metro's application would result in the complete phasing out of those diesel buses, reducing air pollution generated from them by a minimum of 30%*1 in Los Angeles County, while improving the reliability of the service.

Our residents are heavily dependent on transit and deserve quality services provided with first-rate, environmentally conscious vehicles such as those used throughout the rest of LA Metro's service area.

At our June 9, 2017 Service Council Meeting, the members of the South Bay Service Council unanimously voted to support LA Metro's application to the FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program 5339(c). We are very hopeful that LA Metro's application will be selected so that the South Bay residents we represent will gain both improved air quality and public transit services.

Sincerely,

Ralph L. Franklin
Chair, South Bay Cities Service Council

¹ Comparison of Modern CNG, Diesel and Diesel Hybrid-Electric Transit Buses: Efficiency & Environmental Performance, M.J. Bradley & Associates LLC, February 2012