



CHAMBER
of
COMMERCE

Via Email Only

October 19, 2020

Honorable Mayor Lester Friedman & Beverly Hills City Council
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Re: Support for Settlement Agreement and Waiver of Holiday Moratorium for LA Metro Purple Line
Subway Extension

Dear Mayor Friedman and Members of the Beverly Hills City Council:

The City is considering a Settlement Agreement resolving litigation between it and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) in connection with Section 2 of the Purple Line Subway Extension in Beverly Hills.

After careful consideration, the Chamber is supportive of the terms of the Settlement Agreement as we understand it. As part of the Settlement Agreement, the Chamber supports the request of LA Metro for a waiver of the moratorium on work between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day (holiday moratorium).

This Agreement will provide substantial benefits to the City, including an agreement by LA Metro to pay for half of the cost of a second entrance and exit to the Wilshire/Rodeo Subway Station (North Portal) and to include public restrooms, a feature we believe is very important for a major transit stop.

The Agreement will also allow work to continue more speedily on the subway construction. The proposed work for the next several months (through June 30, 2021) is structured in order to avoid major impacts to businesses during the afternoon and evening hours, which will help businesses during the holiday season.

We thank the City and LA Metro for their work during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Johnson
President and CEO
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce

CC: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority