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Honorable Bob Blumenfield  
Chair, Public Works and  
Gang Reduction Committee  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 415  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF# 00-1073-S1 City Coordinated Street Furniture Program

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield:

Metro respectfully requests the opportunity to collaborate with the City of Los Angeles in the development of the City Coordinated Street Furniture program Request for Proposals (RFP), specifically regarding Metro's planned investment in a Countywide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Network.

A key supporting element of high quality BRT is high-end, rail-like stations. High quality BRT station design accommodates higher ridership, offers additional passenger amenities and conveys a permanence and brand that makes it easy for transit patrons to identify and locate in a street environment.

In planning for future BRT investments, Metro would appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Los Angeles to explore building higher-end BRT stations to ensure the best product for our transit patrons and our communities. Metro's Vision 2028 Strategic Plan includes initiatives to convert strategic Metro Rapid Lines to BRT and improve bus speeds. Currently, Metro has three BRT projects in the early planning phases. The Measure M Expenditure Plan includes additional funding of \$50 million for BRT in each of the first three decades and \$100 million in each of the fourth and fifth decades.

Metro recently developed systemwide station design guidance for our rail system to improve the rider experience and reinforce the Metro system brand. The systemwide design uses a modular kit-of-parts approach that is adaptable to accommodate varying site conditions and easy to maintain. Metro seeks to extend the use this kit-of-parts approach to our BRT system for the benefit of our transit patrons.

Metro has had an excellent working relationship with the Bureau of Street Services and your current contractor, JC Decaux. Nevertheless, there have been numerous mobility innovations since the contract was first awarded that at times limited our ability to provide the best mobility solutions for the region. We believe that early and frequent collaboration in the development of this RFP will vastly improve outcomes for our transit patrons and communities. Should you have an interest in such a partnership please contact my staff member Paul Backstrom at (213) 922-2183.

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