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City of Los Angeles  
Councilmember, Eleventh District

April 17, 2018

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
200 N. Spring Street  
Room 415  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield,

As your committee considers CF# 17-1342-S1, a Categorical Exemption for the Boring Company's Proof of Concept Tunnel Project along the Sepulveda Corridor, I want to draw your attention to the attached letter from Phil Washington, CEO of LA Metro.

As you know, in November 2016, voters approved Measure M, which funds several specific projects, including mass transit along the Sepulveda Corridor from the San Fernando Valley to LAX. The Sepulveda Corridor project was one of the marquee projects in Measure M, and certainly one of the most popular with voters. As the City considers this exciting proposal from the Boring Company, it is both prudent and imperative that we make sure that any work permitted by the City will not conflict with or narrow the alignment options for the eventual Metro project. I recommend that the committee continue consideration of #CF 17-1342-S1 until Metro has conducted sufficient analysis to answer that question.

Mr. Washington suggests that approval of all public mass transit projects and systems require Metro approval, and he invites to Boring Company to enter into partnership with Metro to better fulfill the joint goal of revolutionizing mass transit in the region and getting Los Angeles moving again. Our city should be an eager partner with Metro and with the Boring Company in that effort.

Regards,

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# Metro

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~~Mr. Musk,~~

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has appreciated the discussions our staff has had with you and your staff on our shared vision to revolutionize transportation in Los Angeles County. We would like to continue this partnership, especially as it relates to your interest in building a proof of concept tunnel under Sepulveda Boulevard.

As you know, Metro is conducting an environmental study process on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project that was approved by LA County voters in November 2016 as part of the Measure M sales tax measure. Metro is interested in discussing any engineering thus far by The Boring Company for your tunnel project to ensure that your project doesn't interfere with our Sepulveda project.

We are aware of your request to the City of Los Angeles for an excavation permit for construction of the tunnel. It's important for you to know that based on Metro's legal authority through state law (Public Utilities Code section 130252(a)), all plans proposed for the design, construction, and implementation of public mass transit systems or projects in Los Angeles County must be submitted to Metro for approval. I suggest that Metro and The Boring Company commit to cooperating through our respective planning and engineering efforts to ensure that our projects are compatible.

It is our belief that our efforts at delivering transportation innovation across the region can be best optimized through a continued partnership. We would like to meet with you and your staff as soon as possible so that we can better understand our respective goals and how our projects can best meet the needs of the people of Los Angeles County.

Please let me know when your team is available for a meeting.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip A. Washington  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Metro Board of Directors