



**Metro**

PC # 14-6

January 10, 2014

Board of Police Commissioners  
Attention: Executive Administrative Assistant  
100 West First Street  
Room 134  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM NIGHTTIME AND WEEKEND WORK HOUR  
RESTRICTIONS FOR WESTSIDE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION (PLE) PROJECT  
LA BREA STATION AREA**

Honorable Commissioners:

Metro is currently proceeding with the development (design and construction) of the proposed PLE Project that will extend from the existing Wilshire/Western Station out to a new proposed station at Wilshire/La Cienega.

As with all major underground rail projects to accommodate the build out of rail stations, the proposed major scope elements include relocation of utilities, construction of piles to support excavation, decking installation, construction of portals and ultimately restoration of the streets.

Due to the complexity of the project, the elements listed above require continuous lane closures including long durations of traffic control stages and continuous long term construction phases in order to install soldier piles, cross-beams and decking panels for cut and cover station operations.

Since the major scope elements are all on the construction contractor's critical path to successfully complete construction of the La Brea Station on time and within budget, it is project critical that Metro obtain an exemption from the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.40 restrictions to allow extended work hours for the project work area. An exemption will also minimize construction impacts on the surrounding community by accelerating the completion of work. Minimizing impacts is mandated by the project's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP).

The La Brea Station area, as identified on the attached plan is located along Wilshire Blvd. between Mansfield Ave and Detroit Street. Work on the piles and beams mentioned above is anticipated to start January 2015.

The equipment utilized at these locations may include one or more of the following: backhoe, loader, drilling rig, crane, dump truck, jack hammer, compressor, welder, concrete truck and other equipment trucks.

We understand that any construction work in this area occurring on a weekday after 9PM, or on Saturday after 6PM, or anytime on Sunday requires an approval from the Police Commission. Therefore please accept this letter as a formal request to obtain a variance from the construction work hour restrictions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.40 to allow the Metro contractor to work from 9PM to 7AM of the following

day from Sunday night through Friday morning, from 9PM Fridays through 6AM Mondays, and from 9PM Fridays through 6AM Tuesdays for those weekends where Monday is a City Holiday. Metro requests the variance to be granted for an initial six (6) month period with an activation start date of variance to be August 2014.

Please be assured that Metro and its contractors will take efforts to mitigate the impact of noise to the surrounding community. Metro continues to actively work with the community and stakeholders along the project's alignment in order to provide them with comprehensive information. Another aspect of Metro's communication protocol is that Metro will reach out to the community a minimum of one week prior to the start of any work via flyer and social media. This will provide information and telephone numbers to provide community members and businesses a means of direct communication regarding construction activities and concerns.

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 41.40, attached with this letter is a check in the amount of \$253 payable to the City of Los Angeles for the required processing fees.

Thank you for the consideration and support of this important public transit project. If you have any questions concerning Metro's request for an exemption from the City's nighttime and weekend work hour restrictions, please call me at (213) 312-3119.

Sincerely,



Bryan Hancock, PE  
Senior Third Party Administrator

Attachment: Plans, Check in the amount of \$253

cc: Metro Community Relations; Charles Moore (LAPD – MTA Liaison); Jim Cohen, Eduardo Cervantes, Scott McConnell, Kasey Shuda, Yvette Rapose (METRO)

