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Mr. Ray Tellis
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Los Angeles Metropolitan Office
888 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1850
Los Angeles, California 90017

Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, Los Angeles, California (CEQ #20110303)

Dear Mr. Tellis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA provided comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project in an October 26, 2009 letter and on the Supplemental DEIS in an April 7, 2011 letter. We rated the DEIS as *Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information* (EC-2), due to concerns about the air quality analysis for the project. We rated the SDEIS as LO, *Lack of Objections*. Our review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) finds that our concerns have been addressed and requested information has been provided. We encourage the Federal Transit Administration and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue to work with community members through future design and construction to minimize adverse impacts and build a system that meets the needs of the community.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the FEIS. When the ROD is signed, please send one copy to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Mulvihill (415-947-3554 or mulvihill.carolyn@epa.gov) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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