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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Westside Subway Extension, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles, California (CEQ #20120072)

Dear Mr. Tellis:

The U.S. 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 15, 2010 letter. We rated the DEIS as LO, *Lack of Objections*, and provided additional recommendations for mitigating potential displacement, air quality, hazardous materials, and transit service impacts. Our recommendations have been addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

We appreciate the opportunity to review the FEIS. When the Record of Decision 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,

Connell Dunning, Transportation Team Supervisor
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cc: David Mieger, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority