



October 20, 2026

Metro Board Chair Karen Bass
LA Metro Board Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

via e-mail

RE: Consideration of Business Interruption Fund to Support Noho-Pasadena BRT Project

Honorable Mayor Bass,

The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) writes to request that Metro urgently provide access to Metro's Business Interruption Fund for Eagle Rock businesses that will be construction-impacted along the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project.

The Noho-Pasadena BRT project is an important investment in providing improved regional transit connections and better access to jobs and destinations within Eagle Rock and surrounding communities. This project will benefit local businesses by providing improved access for customers and workers alike. Numerous studies show that bus rapid transit projects result in positive economic development benefits to the commercial districts that they serve.

Despite these long term benefits, the project's construction phase will include temporary road closures, concrete construction work, and roadway resurfacing that will impact many local small businesses, both in the ease of access to these businesses during construction, and in the possibility of temporarily deterring customers from visiting the area.

This important project will never be seen as a success within Eagle Rock if the construction period results in closures of beloved local small businesses.

When the construction of BRT projects provide similar impacts as the construction of rail projects, they should be provided with the same support and consideration for small businesses. The Eagle Rock community has been consistent in asking for access to the Business Interruption Fund dating back to 2019, and this request has been reiterated in previous 2021 and 2025 TERA letters to the Metro project team. We understood that the Metro Board had directed staff in September 2022 to study providing access to the Business Interruption Fund to

the Noho-Pas BRT project with a planned report back in 2024 (File # 2022-0755). What is the status of this report?

As construction urgently approaches, it is imperative that Metro provide access to affected Eagle Rock businesses along Colorado Boulevard to Metro's Business Interruption Fund. This fund was developed exactly for this reason: to ensure that local small businesses are able to survive construction phases in order to serve Metro customers upon the opening of new transit lines. Metro's Eat, Shop, Play program is not sufficient to protect Eagle Rock's local businesses from construction impacts.

Please provide access to Metro's Business Interruption Fund to affected Eagle Rock businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael MacDonald', written in a cursive style.

Michael MacDonald
President

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