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Hello Members of the Transit Transformation Task Force and LA Metro Board,

My name is Mason Buck, I have been a transit advocate since I was 12 years old. I'm commenting to express my concern that the agenda today does not include discussion on critical capital project reform recommendations that were presented to BART on April 25th.

Recommendations RR, SS, and TT, which involve improving the design, planning, and coordination process for capital projects, streamlining land acquisition and permitting requirements and timelines, and improving project delivery state capacity and organizational structure, are crucial in fixing a broken system that delays, overspends, and underdelivers.

The people of Los Angeles, and all of California, deserve to have transit that is developed in an efficient way, both in cost and time. Common sense recommendations such as giving transit agencies master permitting authority for priority rail projects, hiring in-house experts of engineering and procurement, expanding CEQA exemptions, and engaging stakeholders early to prevent litigation, will help transit agencies state-wide create systems that are not just bus and train stops, but communities of people with a greater connection to each other than highways and strip malls can provide.

I urge members present here today to include recommendations RR, SS, and TT in the agenda of future meetings, as well as in the final report to the legislature. I also remind them that the objective of this task force is "to develop policy recommendations to grow transit ridership, improve the transit experience and address **long-term operational needs.**", which these sets of

recommendations clearly align with. This is our big chance to have meaningful transit reform, and we cannot let it slip away.

Thank you,

Mason Buck

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