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July 2, 2007

Lamont Ewell, City Manager
City of Santa Monica
1685 Main St., Rm. 209,
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Re: CA Incline Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Lamont:

I am writing to ask for your help in making sure our cities work together in an expeditious manner to develop proper traffic mitigations for upcoming California Incline project.

While I applaud Santa Monica's efforts to make the essential seismic improvements to the California Incline, I am concerned that planning for the traffic mitigations is not moving quickly or thoughtfully enough, and our respective transportation departments are not working collaboratively.

Given that the project will necessitate closure of the California Incline, my constituents in Santa Monica Canyon and Pacific Palisades are worried that traffic will be diverted into their community, causing gridlock.

Staff at LADOT has reviewed the Draft EIR, which states those neighborhoods would suffer only a marginal increase in traffic. LADOT engineers question that assumption and are concerned that: the construction timeline is too optimistic and will likely need to be extended; the traffic analysis does not examine weekend traffic patterns; the Draft EIR does not include a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) that sets the detours during the construction of the project.

I propose that we develop a joint Santa Monica-Los Angeles California Incline Working Group, composed of our offices, our transportation agencies, and local stakeholders to fully vet and propose solutions for the traffic problems that will be created by this valuable and necessary project.

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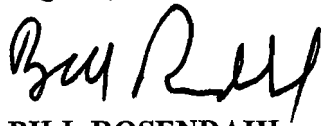
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Such a working group would allow us to continue our ongoing collaborative approach to problem solving by proactively sharing information, ideas, and identifying how best to proceed.

Thanks in advance for all your assistance.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill RosendaHL". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and "R".

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