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## **ROSENDAHL LETTER REGARDING TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK**

***Councilman Bill Rosendahl urged the 11th district to "act now" to end traffic gridlock today in a letter to constituents:***

Dear Friend:

One of the most pressing challenges facing our neighborhoods, our city and our region is the crushing traffic gridlock we deal with every day. We have a rare opportunity to make a major progress on that issue – ***if you act now.***

As I write this, the California Legislature is considering a proposed \$222 billion bond measure designed to rebuild the state's crumbling infrastructure. It is a worthy idea, too long in coming. But the proposal has a serious flaw: too little of it is earmarked for the network of public transportation we need to get out of gridlock.

I am asking you to join me in writing Governor Schwarzenegger and our state lawmakers. Please urge them to correct this error and dramatically increase the amount of money set aside in the bond proposal.

The Los Angeles Times put it well two weeks ago:

*"More than \$80 billion would go to improve state highways and other routes, with less than \$5 billion for transit and rail services. And all of the latter total would go for trains between cities, such as Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner. Not one thin dime goes for mass transit within cities.*

*That means Los Angeles can forget about an extension of the Red Line subway down Wilshire Boulevard. The desperately needed Green Line light-rail*

*connection to LAX? Not going to happen, at least not within a couple of decades. More busways? Only if the county can fund them itself.”*

As I have said countless times, I am determined to see a genuine 21<sup>st</sup> Century network of mass transit built in Los Angeles. This bond measure is the best chance of jumpstarting that network and making it a reality in my lifetime. We cannot squander this opportunity.

Please encourage the governor and state lawmakers to bolster funding for intra-city mass transit projects, such as: the Red Line subway; the Expo Line to the Beach; the Green Line to LAX; and a north-south mass transit along Lincoln Boulevard.

The governor's contact information is [here](#).

You can find the contact information for your state lawmakers [here](#).

Thanks in advance for your support. Together, we will build a future – with mass transit.

Sincerely,

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