RESOLUTION NO. 2016-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL OPPosing THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE 2016 PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE

WHEREAS, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), along with other COGs in the region participated in the development of a countywide process to accumulate a listing of all sub regional transportation projects. This process resulted in the identification of $275 billion of transportation projects countywide;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in response to the identified need developed an expenditure plan to address the project capital and operational needs for the County. This expenditure plan will be Metro’s template for mobility for the next 40 years. The tax itself will remove the sunset provision from Measure R and continue in perpetuity or until repealed by the electorate;

WHEREAS, instead of giving the Measure R project initiatives first priority for new tax revenues, assuring that second and third decade Measure R projects are completed, the MTA initiated a modeling process utilizing performance metrics that places well-defined projects with analysis in competition with new projects with assigned attributes. This modeling exercise has resulted in a reordering or resequencing of projects that benefited new projects from the City of Los Angeles and placed projects from the Gateway Cities COG and other regions behind them;

WHEREAS, multi-modal projects that would benefit cities in the Gateway Cities are being leapfrogged by higher profile projects in more affluent areas, which are also being given priority access to federal funding. That is simply not geographically equitable, nor is it fair to our residents who will be funding these projects for decades before they truly benefit;

WHEREAS, Metro’s potential ballot measure includes a 3% local contribution requirement mandates cities to pay 3% of the cost of major transit projects within their jurisdiction or implement mutually agreed upon active transportation or first/last mile improvements as whole or part of the 3% requirement; and

WHEREAS, if a city fails to pay the 3% contribution or does not implement acceptable improvements, Metro would be allowed to withhold up to 15 years of local return funds from this new transportation measure.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL DOES HEREBY:

Section 1. Oppose the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Expenditure Plan for the 2016 Proposed Ballot Measure.

Section 2. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bell and the City Clerk is directed to attest thereto.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of October 2016.
CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Angela Bustamante, Acting City Clerk of the City of Bell, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Bell City Council at its regular meeting held on the 12th day of October, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Quintana, Saleh, Vice Mayor Gallardo and Mayor Romero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Valencia

Angela Bustamante, Acting City Clerk