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To the next mayor of Los Angeles:

We, the undersigned, call on you and Metro board members you may appoint to oppose all new highway widening projects.

Highway widening does not solve the issue of traffic and only places more cars on roads due to [induced demand](#). They also destroy communities by displacing people, often from Black and Brown neighborhoods. Wider freeways and their associated traffic, increase air pollution, leading to more asthma and lung disease. Metro currently proposes freeway widening projects which will lead to an estimated increase of 2.7 million additional barrels of oil burned per year in the county, increasing our carbon emissions at precisely the moment when they need to decrease. Highway expansion is a terrible use of Metro funding.

Instead, please support a Metro budget that supports California's and Los Angeles' goals of fighting climate change. Spend these funds on public transportation, active transportation and reinvesting in communities impacted by pollution and freeway-widening destruction.

While no new highway widening projects are planned in the city of Los Angeles, Metro's budget plans to spend \$21 Billion on widening projects across the county. Your selection of Metro board

members, and your leadership on the Metro board, is an opportunity to help avert this disaster and create a climate and justice-oriented transportation system.

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