



September 15, 2021

Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council
1150 Cypress Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Re: Metrolink Response to CMF Modernization Improvements Letter Received August 11, 2021

Dear Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Members:

Thank you for your letter received on August 11, 2021. We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate on Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) improvements. The letter included three requests regarding the modernization of CMF: to expand the noise suppression pilot to include sound barriers on the Cypress Park side of the facility; to install permanent noise monitors on the Cypress Park side of CMF; and to develop ways to give the southern end of Cypress Park access to the river and the newly installed Taylor Park Bridge through or across the CMF.

Two pilot sound barriers were installed at CMF in June 2021. These barriers are located on the west side of the service and inspection area, between the tracks and the Los Angeles River. The recently completed analysis by Metro and their consultant team supported the initial prioritization of the sound barrier pilot on the western side of the service and inspection area. The Metrolink Central Maintenance Facility Noise and Vibration Study found that “Noise levels in Elysian Valley did increase as the noise levels at the CMF increased, with the highest noise levels in Elysian Valley being between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, during the primary hours of CMF operations. Noise levels for the Cypress Park area were not affected by activities on the CMF property”¹. This initial pilot allows Metrolink staff to determine if sound barriers are effective in reducing noise levels.

Metrolink’s holistic package of facility improvements, found in the CMF Modernization Study, propose sound barriers on both the Elysian Valley facing and Cypress Park facing sides of the service and inspection areas (see below). Funding for additional sound barriers has not yet been identified, but we are searching for grants to fund CMF community facing improvements to address noise and emissions.

¹ [Metrolink CMF Noise and Vibration Study](#), Page 13

Rendering of Proposed Improvements to the Central Maintenance Facility Service and Inspection Tracks



Given local traffic and other noises impacting the Cypress Park community, creating impactful, near-term solutions is complex. To reduce noise and emissions generated throughout the facility, we along with our maintenance contractor, are continuing to focus on utilization of ground power at the service and inspection area. Additionally, we are working to procure an electric car mover which will allow equipment to be moved more quietly and without diesel emissions.

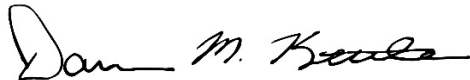
With regard to the last request about pedestrian access to the southern end of the CMF property, we do not currently have the ability to provide public access to the Los Angeles River from San Fernando Road. Metrolink is committed to supporting community access to the Los Angeles River and the bicycle and pedestrian facilities, however there are significant safety issues given that the railroad mainline and numerous storage tracks lie between San Fernando Road and the river. There are no underpasses or areas to safely provide public access. The Cypress Park side of the river has not been developed for public access. The road that runs alongside CMF is not Metrolink property and is used by a local utility to access and maintain infrastructure.

Metrolink has been supportive of City of Los Angeles-led Taylor Yard Bridge project. Metrolink recently completed efforts to improve public safety in accessing the new bridge. We worked with the City of Los Angeles to upgrade and install new lights on the access road to enhance safety and access to the upcoming pedestrian bridge. Metrolink is also in coordination with the City of Los Angeles, Metro and the State Park to have the access road transferred over and making into a public street.

We look forward to continuing the conversation about how Metrolink can strengthen our relationship with community. We welcome an opportunity to meet with Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee to discuss the response in greater detail.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren M. Kettle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Darren M. Kettle
Chief Executive Officer