



April 22, 2009

The Honorable Bill Rosendahl,  
Transportation Committee  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: SUPPORT -- Franchise Application and Certification of the WesPac Energy Group Smart Energy Transport System (SETS) Environmental Impact Report**

Dear Councilman Rosendahl:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, I write to support the franchise application for the WesPac Energy Group Smart Energy Transport System (SETS) and urge you to certify the Environmental Impact Review (EIR). This project is vital for our region providing new and upgraded underground energy infrastructure for the aviation industry.

As a trustee for the region, the L.A. Chamber represents more than 1600 member companies and champions economic prosperity and quality of life in the Los Angeles region. Despite having the nation's busiest destination airport, Los Angeles does not currently have dedicated underground jet fuel infrastructure. Existing infrastructure is aging and not well suited to deliver highly refined jet fuel directly from South Bay refineries to Los Angeles International Airport.

The SETS project addresses these infrastructure deficiencies by straightening kinks and opening bottle necks in the delivery system, which benefits reliability, quality and cost of jet fuel. Infrastructure investments like these are especially important at a time when the airline industry is struggling to stay afloat though increasing energy costs. Additionally, SETS will be constructed using the most advanced technology and highest quality materials to ensure the utmost safety, reliability, and durability.

We thank you for your consideration and again strongly urge the Commission to support SETS' franchise application and EIR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Toebben".

Gary Toebben  
President and CEO

CC: Members of the Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee