

Attachment A

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Phoenix, Arizona

WHEREAS, in April 2015, the City of Phoenix and the City of Glendale agreed to jointly study a proposed light rail transit route that would extend along Camelback Road between 19th Avenue and 43rd Avenue in Phoenix; at that junction, a second segment would extend northwestward to 59th Avenue in downtown Glendale.

WHEREAS, in October 2017 the Glendale City Council voted not to move forward with the Glendale segment of the route after determining that the exorbitant costs of constructing and operating the additional light rail line far eclipsed the relatively marginal benefits it was likely to yield.

WHEREAS, despite Glendale's abandonment of the project, the City of Phoenix is still poised to spend an estimated \$700 million of taxpayer money—the equivalent of about \$120 million per mile of light rail track—to develop an inevitably partial and incomplete fragment of light rail that would terminate abruptly at 43rd Avenue & Camelback Road.

WHEREAS, in October 2018 the City Council prudently acted to defer a similarly inefficient light rail expansion between downtown Phoenix and the Paradise Valley Mall area—but deliberately neglected the burgeoning problem of the West Phoenix light rail extension.

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the City Council's inaction to date, all City taxpayers are at risk of watching millions of their dollars squandered on a futile "train to nowhere," while residents of the affected neighborhoods endure the serious economic dislocations and quality of life degradations that necessarily accompany such a major construction project.

WHEREAS, the City Council owes a solemn responsibility to protect taxpayers from such profligate and gratuitous spending of their public resources, and to finally address—definitively and directly—this acute problem facing the West Phoenix community.

THEREFORE:

Pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 22 of the Phoenix City Charter, I, Peggy Neely, a citizen and resident of the City of Phoenix, hereby petition the City Council to consider and enact within fifteen days, a resolution, ordinance or measure that terminates or indefinitely suspends any development or construction of, or the expenditure of public funds (originating from any source) in connection with, any light rail transit route along Camelback Road at any point between 19th Avenue and 43rd Avenue.

Submitted this 6th day of March, 2019.

By: 