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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
PLANNING DIVISION

City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission  
Case # 2008-00338

Dear Chair Philip Suding,

With this letter Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) is requesting re-approval of the Historic Land Commission (HLC) approval originally granted on December 8, 2010, case number 2008-00338.

The project involves the construction of new bus shelters and associated site work at three stops currently in operation in the Downtown area. During the HLC review and approval process the three bus stop sites were grouped under the same case number, 2008-00338. The construction permits have been tracked with the Public Works Department under three separate accounts, PBW2010-00158, ...165, and ...166; and with the building department, BLD2012-01395, for the shelter located partially on the City's Library parcel. The other two shelters do not have building permits as they are in the right-of-way and thereby under Public Works jurisdiction.

Both MTD and the Design Team, Blackbird Architects, have been diligent in meeting the requests of City Staff during a lengthy review process, with prompt follow up at key review milestones. Adding to the overall timeline, was the process of the City and MTD coming to terms and executing a License Agreement required as a result of bus shelter improvements located on a portion of City owned property (Library). Each of the three sites have been fully vetted by the HLC, Public Works and Building Department staff, with a 'permit ready' status.

MTD understands that the Art Museum project improvements currently under planning review have the potential to impact design aspects of the adjacent bus stop located on Anapamu Street. MTD also understands that further design, coordination, and possibly HLC review will be necessary to ensure the new bus shelter fits into the context of the Art Museum improvements.

Due to the uncertainties related to the Anapamu site and potential Art Museum improvements, MTD requests re-approval only for the two bus stops not impacted by the Art Museum project. MTD believes this is a reasonable and fair request given how far along these projects are in the permitting process, and given the lengthy permitting process involved.

MTD believes the new shelters will add significant value to the City's street-scape and will improve the transit experience at these high volume bus stops. The MTD organization very much appreciates the City's ongoing collaboration and to help ensure the success of these projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Best Regards,

Sherrie Fisher  
General Manager