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August 4, 2005

Mr. Lionel Brazil  
President  
Excelsior District Improvement Association  
P.O. Box 12005  
San Francisco, CA 94112-0005

Dear Mr. Brazil:

I have received your letter about the 52 Excelsior bus line. I appreciate the thoughtful suggestions that you made regarding alternatives to our proposed transit service changes in your community.

I have checked with Service Planning staff about that the changes you have suggested and was advised of the following:

- Your changes would result in an increase in costs, rather than a decrease. The reason we had suggested modifications to the routes in the first place was to find ways of eliminating redundant services, thus reducing our operating costs to meet the constraints of a tight budget.
- The process is too far along to be modified in time for the September service change. Schedules are being devised now so that operators can bid on these routes and the new services can be offered to patrons in time.

In devising the service cuts for September, we tried to the extent possible to thin service, not eliminate it. For this reason, most streets in your area that have service now will continue to have it after September, albeit with possibly fewer bus routes. Nonetheless, I will direct Service Planning staff to retain your suggestions to be considered at such time as bus services in the vicinity of Balboa Park Station are revised.

I will also arrange for staff to make another presentation in the community on service plans related to the opening of the Third Street light rail line.

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Thanks for contacting me. I hope the changes to be made in September will be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Lieberman', written in a cursive style.

William Lieberman, AICP  
Deputy Director for Planning

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