



Board Report

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Motion by:

DIRECTORS HAHN, NAJARIAN, AND DUTRA

Creating a Commuter Rail Station in the City of Pico Rivera

The 2018 California State Rail Plan (Plan) calls for an integrated, state-of-the-art railroad system to transform mobility, invigorate economic activity, and enhance quality of life. The Plan seeks to increase passenger rail trips more than tenfold by 2035, to 1.3 million per day across the state. To do this, the Plan emphasizes investing in and delivering capital improvements, such as Metrolink’s Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE), which prioritizes major capital improvements systemwide and includes the Burbank-to-Anaheim rail corridor, which is also significant for the future California High Speed Rail project.

In addition to passenger commuter rail, the Burbank-to-Anaheim corridor serves both Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight railroads. Between Downtown LA and Anaheim, approximately 80 freight trains and 50 passenger trains use the Burbank-to-Anaheim corridor every day, including the nation’s second-busiest Amtrak route: the Pacific Surfliner.

The City of Pico Rivera is pursuing a community revitalization program that seeks to position the city as a regional destination and includes a plan for a transit-rich community incorporating the future Eastside Gold Line Extension on Washington Boulevard; improvements to the Rio Hondo and LA River bike paths; a Complete Street and Bus Rapid Transit corridor on Rosemead Boulevard; and the Burbank-to-Anaheim commuter rail corridor.

The downtown area of Pico Rivera is uniquely situated along the Burbank-to-Anaheim rail corridor, which would be well-served by a new commuter railroad station for Metrolink, the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, and a future California High-Speed Rail. A new commuter station would enable Pico Rivera to offer long-term equitable community development, environmental resilience, and sustained economic growth, in support of the State’s Rail Plan to increase passenger rail ridership.

SUBJECT: CREATING A COMMUTER RAIL STATION IN THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Motion by Directors Hahn, Najarian, and Dutra that the Board direct the Chief Executive

Officer to work with the Cities of Pico Rivera and Commerce, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), California High Speed Rail Authority (HSR), Amtrak (LOSSAN), and freight rail operators to conduct a feasibility study and strategic plan for a new commuter rail station within the City of Pico Rivera along the Los Angeles-to-Anaheim rail corridor. The study shall include, but not be limited to the following elements:

- A. Existing and planned land-use and transportation conditions that would best support a new commuter rail station in Pico Rivera;
- B. A rough order of magnitude cost estimate and potential funding sources for a new station in Pico Rivera including elements such as planning and design, right-of-way, environmental, construction, and maintenance costs; and,
- C. The mechanism to include a new commuter rail station in Pico Rivera within the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy.

We, further, move that the CEO report back to the Board within 90 days with initial findings and next steps for the above-requested items.