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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2016**

Motion by:

Directors Garcetti, Kuehl, Antonovich, Krekorian and Najarian

as amended by Director Fasana

June 23, 2016

**Relating to Item 49, File ID 2016-0319
*North San Fernando Valley Transit Improvements***

Over the past several years, MTA has studied adding various BRT routes throughout Los Angeles County. It is a priority for MTA to expand its BRT network.

High-capacity east-west transit service in the North San Fernando Valley, especially service California State University, Northridge (CSUN), will ease traffic and meet the growing demand for transit in the San Fernando Valley and will contribute to the success of the countywide transit system by adding connectivity to a large population and significant trip generators, including CSUN and others.

CSUN generates more than 200,000 weekly car trips in Los Angeles County. With over 41,000 students, CSUN has the most students of any California State University. Additionally, with the second highest number of students in the nation receiving need-based federal assistance, CSUN's student population is one that would benefit the most from improved transit service.

Currently, the only high-capacity east-west transit service in the San Fernando Valley is at the far south end of the Valley.

Throughout the Potential Ballot Measure public review process, San Fernando Valley stakeholders repeatedly raised the need for high-capacity transit in the North San Fernando Valley with service to CSUN.

MOTION by Garcetti, Kuehl, Antonovich, Krekorian and Najarian that the Board direct the CEO to add a new "Multi-Year Subregional Program" in the Los Angeles County Transportation Expenditure Plan named "North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Improvements" and provide the following:

- A. Designate the "North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Improvements" as a System Connectivity ("sc") sub-regional category;
- B. Funds for the North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Improvements will be programmed from the System Connectivity portion of the Transit Construction subfund at \$180 million under the "Measure _ Funding 2015\$" for this program;
- C. A "Schedule of Funds Available" in Fiscal Year 2019 and an "Expected Opening Date" of Fiscal Year 2023;
- D. Designate the modal code for this program as a transit category, or "T";
- E. Add a footnote to state the following:
 - 1. This project will increase system connectivity in the North San Fernando Valley and the Metro transit system. Environmental planning work shall begin no later than six months after passage of Measure _.
- F. Remove the North San Fernando Valley BRT project from footnote "m" (Line 39) as an eligible expenditure.

FASANA AMENDMENT: To provide equivalent funding based on the original allocation of funding (i.e. \$180 million is 13% of such funding based on the San Fernando Valley's share) to each of the other subregions to assure and maintain equitable funding.