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Motion by:

Directors Antonovich, Solis, DuBois, Knabe and Fasana

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Review of Potential North/South Metro Express Line

The opening of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension to Azusa in March will deliver much-needed east/west transit service along the 210 Freeway corridor. This service will parallel other east/west transit corridors in the San Gabriel Valley and Gateway Cities, including:

- Metrolink San Bernardino Line
- Metro Silver Line/Foothill Transit Silver Streak
- Metrolink Riverside Line
- Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension
- Metrolink Orange County Line
- Metro Green Line to Norwalk.

Linking these existing transit corridors to the Foothill Extension with a high-quality, express, north/south Metro bus line would improve service connectivity and mobility for the region. Similar efforts initiated at Metro to connect existing transit corridors include:

- the Metro Valley/Westside Express bus service - linking the Metro Orange Line to the Metro Expo Line once Phase 2 opens this year; and
- the Metro Pasadena/North Hollywood Express bus service - linking the Metro Gold Line to the Metro Orange and Red Lines and Bob Hope Airport via Burbank Bus, starting March 2nd.

In developing this service concept, Metro can build upon the current Line 577 service which operates between the El Monte transit station and the Long Beach Veterans Administration Medical Center. Metro should also engage the San Gabriel Valley and Gateway Cities COGs, Metro Service Councils, local jurisdictions and municipal operators in developing this service.

MOTION by Directors Antonovich and Fasana that the Board directs the CEO to return within 60 days with a review of a potential north/south Metro express bus line linking the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension with other transit stations in the San Gabriel and Gateway Cities subregions,

including but not limited to the El Monte Busway station; Metrolink San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange County Lines; Gold Line Eastside Extension, Long Beach Airport and Metro Green Line.

We also move that the Board directs the CEO to develop a working group with the Councils of Government, stakeholder jurisdictions, Metro Service Councils and municipal operators within the San Gabriel Valley and Gateway Cities to provide input into the development of this service concept.