



Board Report

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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Motion by:

DIRECTORS NAJARIAN AND KUEHL

Related to Item 10: East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Final Environmental Impact Report

The East San Fernando Valley Light Rail project is a great project that will lead to greater connectivity in the entire region. It fits in with Metro's promise to deliver high quality transit options to those who depend on the system. We are eager to move forward with the project and take it from the planning stage into the construction stage.

However, we continue to have some concerns about the portion of track that runs through the City of San Fernando. The last Grade Crossing Safety Study was completed prior to the Metrolink double-tracking through San Fernando. Therefore, an updated traffic study is needed for this segment. These two studies must be completed to reassess what steps should be taken to mitigate the City's safety concerns before any further work outside of the light rail line is proposed that will impact the City of San Fernando.

SUBJECT: EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Motion by Directors Najarian and Kuehl that the CEO direct staff to develop a plan to complete the necessary studies as expeditiously as possible. The plan should include an analysis of data and a path forward for all parties, including Metrolink, with mitigative options, which may or may not include grade separations, be brought back to the Planning and Programming Committee in February 2021.