





Public Comment for Agenda Item No. 5

Board of Directors Metro Valley Study Session

February 13, 2025 9:20 AM

Location

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority First Floor Lobby Board Room 1170 W. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

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Hesperia City Council Chambers 9700 Seventh Avenue Hesperia, CA 92345

DISCUSSION ITEMS Regional / Subregional Planning

5. Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan - Final Report

That the following be reviewed and recommended for final approval by the Board of Directors, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting:

Approve the Final Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan for purposes of input to the next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy to be prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments.

Written public comment was received and is attached for your information.

From: Kevin R. Dedicatoria

To: clerkoftheboard

Subject: Public Comment for Metro Valley Study Session February Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 3:23:34 PM

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Dear SBCTA Clerk of the Board,

I am sending my public comment for the SBCTA Metro Valley Study Session meeting tomorrow morning. It will be below this message. Could you reply if my comment has been received and sent to the committee? Thank you!

Sincerely, Kevin Dedicatoria

Dear SBCTA Metro Valley Study Session Committee,

I am writing on Agenda Item 5: Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan – Final Report. I commend and thank everyone working on the SBCTA Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (LRMTP). It is a blueprint to build on for the county and each subregion.

I support the selection of the Priority Transit Corridors. I believe the Foothill Boulevard and San Bernardino Boulevard corridors are best for multimodal and economic investments across the Valley subarea. I encourage full bus rapid transit investments (e.g., bus only lanes) throughout the corridors to decrease travel times and improve the service experience.

I hope SBCTA and Omnitrans will reconsider the Foothill West, Grand-Edison, Euclid, and Haven Priority Transit Corridors soon. For example, the local road and freeway congestion have grown in Chino and Chino Hills. Widened roads will make the situation worse. Instead, let's expand the Omnitrans frequencies and OmniRide services in Upland, Chino, and Chino Hills. I support better multimodal connections on the 4 corridors for the following: active transportation, local transit, housing, retail, and major nearby destinations outside the area.

I like the LRMTP Key Actions for Disadvantaged Communities and Funding. Safety and comfort are important for current and future ridership. I was disappointed the westbound Holt and Vineyard stop has a shelter and bench. However, the eastbound stop does not have a shelter. Neither have trash bins. Benches and shelters are essntial against the weather. I advocate for consistent safety and comfort at transit stops like shelters, trash bins, benches, and lighting.

I am grateful to SBCTA's commitment to actions for disadvantaged communities and inclusive language. I am advocating SBCTA and SBCOG to implement both, especially towards the LGBTQ+ population. Some of us have jobs, families, but many also struggle with transit, housing, healthcare, and other services. I suggest SBCTA reach out to organizations like TruEvolution, Pomona Pride Center, and Equality California for PASTACC meetings and

help on inclusive communication.

I will end my public comment with questions about the LRMTP.

Who are the SBCTA's state and regional partners to secure additional funding?

Or are they exclusive to just Riverside County and Metrolink?

Will the public transit technologies under sections 9.4 & 9.5 and Tables 13 and 14 cover just San Bernardino County and possibly Riverside County transit?

Or will that expand to Metrolink and L.A. County transit too (e.g., Foothill Transit)?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dedicatoria

Chino Hills

Transit Advocate