

Public Comment for Agenda Item No. 8

Transit Committee Meeting

**April 10, 2025
9:00 AM**

Location:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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8. Gold Line to Montclair Project Update

That the Transit Committee recommend the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA):

- A. Receive an update on the Gold Line to Montclair Project and provide direction as appropriate.
- B. Consider reallocating \$37,199,643 of SBCTA funds to other SBCTA-funded operations and project needs and discontinuing a fund reserve for future operations.

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

From: Kevin R. Dedicatoria [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2025 6:58 PM
To: clerkoftheboard
Subject: Public Comment for the SBCTA Transit Committee Meeting April 10

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Dear SBCTA Clerk of the Board,

I am sending my public comment for the upcoming SBCTA Transit Committee meeting on April 10, 2025. It is for Agenda Item 8: Gold Line to Montclair Project Update . Could you confirm if the Transit Committee has received my comment? Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kevin Dedicatoria

Dear SBCTA Transit Committee Dutrey & Members,

I am writing a public comment on Agenda Item 8 regarding the Metro Gold/A Line Project. I share the concerns about SBCTA's limited funds for countywide transit services. Measure I has not kept up with the capital and operations expenses for better public transit services countrywide.

I am writing against Action B on Agenda Item 8. The delays and ongoing cost increases with the Foothill Gold Line Extension project are unpleasant for everyone, me included. I've wanted to take the A Line from Montclair instead of driving to/from APU/Citrus.

I am skeptical on SBCTA's ongoing commitment to the project; with exceptions of Board members from Montclair, Ontario, and Chino Hills. SBCTA's Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan includes the Metro Gold/A Line to Montclair for urban development and transit plans (SBCTA Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan Appendix B – Transit, pgs. 7, 10, & 12). Agenda Item 8's report has no specific plans on commitment to funding and resources to complete the project. It will also create connections for Omnitrans (e.g., Route 290/Freeway Express, Route 66) & expand Metrolink ridership. I urge SBCTA continue to work with Metro, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, and other partners to finish the Montclair extension in a timely & effective manner.

The Agenda Item 8 report is misleading. Metrolink and Metro A Line complement each other's services. I welcome the additional Metrolink service on the San Bernardino Line. Under Metrolink SCORE, the San Bernardino Line would have 30-minute bidirectional services *during peak hours* but every hour off-peak **on weekdays** (Metrolink's April 11 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, pg.86). However, the service improvement does not extend to weekends or holidays.

Metrolink's updated Strategic Business Plan will also depend on last mile connections like the Metro Gold/A Line 2B extension (Metrolink's April 11 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, pg. 55). The Metro Gold/A Line to Montclair will be another convenient option & that last mile connection between San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties. The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority projects over 6,000 daily passengers on the Gold/A Line from Montclair, excluding Metrolink transfers. The ridership demand exists. I advocate SBCTA complete this last mile connection and stay consistent with Metrolink's Strategic Business Plan. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dedicataria
Transit Advocate & Urbanist

Resources

Metrolink April 11, 2025 Executive Committee Agenda:

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SBCTA Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan Appendix B – Transit:

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