



Date: April 24, 2020
To: Interested Parties
From: Victor Lopez, PE, Chief of Transit & Rail Programs
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

Subject: Responses to Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the West Valley Connector Corridor Project (SCH 2016031071)

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Omnitrans, is proposing the West Valley Connector Corridor (WVCC) Project, a 35-mile-long bus rapid transit (BRT) corridor that would connect the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana. It would include up to 60 station platforms at 33 locations/major intersections and associated improvements. A new operation and maintenance (O&M) facility for light maintenance activities would be constructed for the project.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), SBCTA and FTA prepared and circulated the Draft EIR/EA for the project from June 24, 2019 to August 8, 2019. During this public review period, a total of 35 written comments from various agencies and interested parties were received by SBCTA and FTA. Pursuant to Section 15088 of the CEQA Guidelines, the SBCTA has prepared individual responses to all of these comments. The response to your comment letter is attached.

The Final EIR incorporates the changes that have been made to the Draft EIR/EA based on the comments and the responses to comments. The Final EIR is available and can be downloaded from the SBCTA website: <https://www.gosbcta.com/project/west-valley-connector-brt/>. The full Responses to Comments document is provided as Appendix H of the Final EIR.

SBCTA and participating cities have identified Alternative B (Full BRT with 3.5 miles of dedicated bus-only lanes in Ontario) as the preferred alternative. Site 3 (1333 S. Bon View Avenue) has also been selected as the preferred site for the operation and maintenance facility for light maintenance activities. The FTA is planning to issue the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) after the Final EIR is certified.

The SBCTA Board has scheduled a meeting to certify the Final EIR on **May 6, 2020, 10:00 AM**. In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and N-35-20, the meeting will be accessible via ZOOM at: <https://zoom.us/j/92793669338> [zoom.us] or by teleconference at 1-669-900-6833 (Meeting ID: 890 562 728). Please see the Board's meeting agenda, to be posted at <https://www.gosbcta.com/board/meetings-agendas/> [gosbcta.com], for the procedure to submit public comments. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Watkins, Chief of Legislative and Public Affairs, SBCTA at westvalleyconnector@gosbcta.com or Tel: (909) 884-8276 x 139.

Thank you for your interest in this important transit project.