



April 9, 2019

The Honorable Eloise Gomez Reyes
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1457 (Gomez Reyes) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Reyes,

On behalf of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) I am pleased to offer our support of AB 1457 (Gomez Reyes) that would provide additional statutory protections for Omnitrans and its JPA members.

Established in 1976 through a joint powers agreement, Omnitrans is the public transit agency serving the San Bernardino Valley. The agency carries approximately 16 million passengers each year throughout its 480-square mile service area, covering 15 cities and portions of the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Omnitrans currently operates local and express bus routes as well as a rapid bus transit service and beginning in 2021 will operate a 9-mile light rail service between the University of Redlands and downtown San Bernardino.

The operation of the new rail service creates potential liability concerns for Omnitrans and its member cities. AB 1457 will address those concerns through the creation of a Transit District statutory entity.

For those reasons SBCTA supports AB 1457. If you have any questions regarding SBCTA's position on this issue, please contact Ray Wolfe, Executive Director, or Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs at (909) 884-8276.

Sincerely,

Darcy McNaboe
President, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
Mayor, City of Grand Terrace

cc: Assembly Local Government Committee
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