

Support Material – Public Comment

Board of Directors Meeting

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Public Comment

Written public comment was received after the posting of the agenda and is being provided as Support Material.

From: [Brian Yanity](#)
To: [clerkoftheboard](#); Supervisor.Rowe@bos.sbcounty.gov
Subject: RailPAC public comment on SBCTA 12/6/2023 board meeting agenda item #23. C. iii.- Approve SB 125 TIRCP funds for Lilac to Sycamore double track
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Dear Chair Rowe and SBCTA Board of Directors,

The Rail Passenger Association of California (RailPAC) fully supports the Lilac-Sycamore double track project.

Please approve the allocation of \$16,510,000 in SB 125 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) – Valley Share funds for this project (Agenda item #23, C, iii.)

Double track between Lilac Avenue and Sycamore Avenue in downtown Rialto will free up a bottleneck at this key location between Los Angeles and San Bernardino, on the busiest line in the Metrolink system. The second track will reduce the risk of train delays and operational shutdowns during routine maintenance and incidents on the current single track, improving on-time performance. The increase to train flexibility resulting from this siding will result in more riders, improved schedule flexibility, which in turn will make it more convenient for riders.

The added siding at the downtown Rialto station is also important for achieving hourly service on the Metrolink San Bernardino Line, especially since Brightline West line to Las Vegas (connecting at Rancho Cucamonga) is moving forward with recently approved Federal funding.

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Best Regards,

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