

Support Material Agenda Item No. 39

Board of Directors Meeting

September 3, 2025

10:00 a.m.

LOCATION

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transit

39. Gold Line to Montclair Project Cost Increase and Funding Request

That the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority:

A. Receive an update on the Gold Line to Montclair Project.

~~B. Provide direction on what the recommendation should be in response to the recent funding request from the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.~~

B. Make a determination, based on finalization of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Construction Authority and receipt of legal opinion on CMAR, as to how to proceed with MOU. Transit Committee had recommended negotiations conclude and the MOU be finalized by August 29, 2025.

C. Approve keeping \$37,199,643 in funding in place until a decision is made regarding how to proceed.

D. Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff to examine alternatives to the Gold Line Extension for the City of Montclair.

Written public comments were received and are attached for your information.

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Good Evening,

Please see the attached letter from Assemblymember Harabedian in support of funding the Gold Line extension, Item 39 on Wednesday's agenda. We are available and happy to discuss further or answer any questions.

Thank you,

Declan Floyd

District Director

Assemblymember John Harabedian

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August 29, 2025

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)
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RE: Support of Gold Line Extension to Montclair Transit Center

Dear Members of the SBCTA Board of Directors,

I write in strong support of fully funding SBCTA's portion of the Gold Line extension from Pomona to Montclair, representing a new era of regional connectivity and economic development for San Bernardino County.

I am proud to represent the Cities of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga, two of the many communities that will benefit tremendously from the increased economic activity we can expect with the Gold Line coming into the County, home to over 120,000 residents in my Assembly district. In addition to nearly 600 jobs and over \$100 million in economic benefit to San Bernardino County during the construction phase alone, projections for just the first three-year period of operations indicate more than 300 permanent jobs and another \$100 million in economic output, including over \$20 million in tax revenues to provide critical ongoing services to County residents.

The 2004 vote by the people of San Bernardino County to overwhelmingly support Measure I gave the Gold Line a strong mandate from our residents, as the project was explicitly prioritized to receive funding under this ballot measure. State law subsequently changed in 2012 to officially extend the planned route of the project to Montclair.

As a result of this voter-approved and statutory prioritization of the extension, the City of Montclair has been preparing for the Gold Line for decades, designing the layout of the entire jurisdiction through its general plan around transit-oriented projects near the Montclair Transit Center. New affordable housing units, small businesses, community spaces, and more have either already been built or are deep into the planning phase; delaying or ending participation in the Gold Line project jeopardizes the viability of significant investments made by the leaders and residents of Montclair, denying them the opportunity of advanced economic growth that has been promised—and mandated—to them over the past 20 years.

In order to best protect the community's finances, uphold the will of the voters, and ensure compliance with state legislation, I urge you to take the following actions:

1. Retain all existing project funding for the Gold Line extension. These funds are an essential part of our commitment to the public and must be protected from being reallocated to other projects.

2. Allocate the requested \$15.2 million for project design from the currently available non-TIRCP funds. This is a critical next step that must be taken now to keep the project on its current timeline and demonstrate a continued commitment to its completion.

3. Commit to a strategic plan for identifying and securing additional funding once the Construction Manager at Risk bid process has determined the final cost in 2026. This is the only responsible way to proceed with a clear understanding of the project's financial needs.

My legislative colleagues from across the region have expressed similar enthusiasm for the Gold Line and the positive growth it will bring to the County. Please be assured that SBCTA and the residents of the County have a united team of leaders working at all levels of government to secure the necessary funds to see this project through to its stated endpoint at the Montclair Transit Center. I also stand ready to facilitate additional coordination between SBCTA, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, and other government agencies involved in this crucial transportation and economic development project.

I strongly urge your support of continuing progress on the Gold Line project and thank you for your positive consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact my District Director, Declan Floyd, at (626) 351-1917 or Declan.Floyd@asm.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



John Harabedian
Assemblymember, 41st District