

## **Public Comments for Agenda Item No. 25**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 1, 2026  
10:00 AM**

#### **LOCATION**

**San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
First Floor Lobby Board Room  
1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Legislative/Public Outreach**

##### **25. Bill Position Recommendation**

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

Adopt an oppose position for Assembly Bill 1678, by Assemblymember John Harabedian, which would establish the Claremontclair Authority to construct the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority A Line from the City of Claremont in Los Angeles County to the City of Montclair in San Bernardino County.

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

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March 26, 2026

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)  
1170 W. Third St. 2nd Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92410

**RE: Opposition to Agenda Item 25**

Dear Members of the SBCTA Board of Directors,

I write in opposition to Agenda Item 25 on the April 1, 2026 agenda and ask that the Board allow my office the opportunity to meaningfully engage with you and SBCTA staff before a formal position is established.

The analysis prepared by SBCTA staff paints a picture of this legislation in direct conflict with the reality of what the bill does. For instance, the analysis states that “AB 1678 would remove SBCTA from a meaningful decision-making role” in the design and construction of the project within San Bernardino County; however, the entire premise of AB 1678 is that it creates an equitable structure on the Claremontclair Authority that respects and values SBCTA’s voice as a leading partner in the Gold Line effort. This bill is a direct result of conversations I have had with San Bernardino County leaders and concerns that were raised in the September SBCTA Board meeting regarding the ongoing struggles the agency has had with the existing Gold Line Construction Authority due to a lack of any voting power on the part of the County or SBCTA. Many of the other points relating to control being taken away from SBCTA by AB 1678 in contracts, funding, design, and construction are invalidated by the fact that three of the five Claremontclair Authority votes would come from San Bernardino County interests, giving SBCTA and its affiliated entities a vital role every step of the way.

What is particularly dismaying about the current agenda item is that it is being brought forward without any meaningful dialogue between SBCTA staff and my office. When AB 1678 was just an idea, my office reached out to SBCTA in an attempt to discuss the reasoning for the bill, potential amendments, and a path forward in partnership. We were told at the time that a written document in Legislative Counsel format was required to have a conversation. Upon providing that Legislative Counsel document, my office was then told that even that document was not enough and that a full bill in print was necessary. When AB 1678 was put in print and provided, SBCTA staff then said that a formal conversation would still not be possible without direction from the Board. At the very same time as this message was being conveyed, however, staff was already putting together a report on the bill with the recommendation to oppose it.

The goalposts have been moved time and time again, and we are now faced with the prospect of SBCTA Board opposition before even a preliminary conversation has been held between my office and SBCTA Board and staff leadership. Additionally, the staff report notes, "This item is being brought directly to the Board due to urgency relating to legislative committee hearings." The report fails to mention that the bill has been referred to multiple Assembly policy committees as well as the Appropriations Committee, providing ample time for ongoing conversations, amendments, and collaboration on the bill before it even leaves the Assembly, which would then be followed by the entire process of several months being repeated in the Senate before the bill would go to the Governor for his signature. The argument that there is urgency for SBCTA to take a formal position at this juncture is undermined by both the facts of the legislative timeline and the absence of any urgency shown by SBCTA staff to engage with my office over the past three months.

My request to you is simple: Allow time for legitimate discussions to be had, questions to be asked, and amendments to be proposed before taking a position on AB 1678. I have been encouraged by preliminary conversations my office and I have had with several Board Members, yet I fear that this rush to oppose the bill is being undertaken without critical dialogues between the majority of this Board, my office, SBCTA staff, and other San Bernardino County legislators. Whether you vote to send the bill to your Legislative Policy Committee or simply postpone a vote on a Board position for a month or two, my office and I are here to partner with SBCTA to find solutions that work for everyone.

I am proud to represent San Bernardino County and look forward to working with the Board on this important issue. Should you have any questions, please contact my District Director, Declan Floyd, at (626) 351-1917 or [Declan.Floyd@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Declan.Floyd@asm.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



John Harabedian  
Assemblymember, 41<sup>st</sup> District

**From:** [No Reply](#)  
**To:** [Tim Watkins](#)  
**Subject:** New submission from Measure I Input  
**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2026 10:18:05 AM

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<b>Name</b>
Dan
<b>City</b>
LA and San Bernardino
<b>Comment</b>
I live in LA County and work in San Bernardino County, please extend the A line to Montclair, it will help cut down on the traffic, pollution, and driving! Residents in both counties deserve this connection. Let's go!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Information](#)  
**Subject:** 4/1/2026 SBCTA Board of Director: Public Comment Item 25  
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Item 25, for 4/1/2026 Board of Director Meeting:

As a resident of Inland Empire who fully supports all efforts for transit including this A-Line Extension to Montclair, I **FULLY Support** having this SBCTA Board **ADOPT in SUPPORT of AB 1678**, which will bring more transit options for IE residents to get to Pasadena/LA. DO NOT TAKE our transit options away from us. Supporting AB 1678 will support SBCTA's mission:

- Promoting collaboration among all levels of government.
- Optimizing our impact in regional, state, and federal policy and funding decisions.

-Azhar - Resident of San Bernardino

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [clerkoftheboard@sbcta.com](mailto:clerkoftheboard@sbcta.com); [clerkoftheboard](#)  
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Dear SBCTA Board of Directors,

As a resident of Claremont, who supports all efforts for transit including this A-Line Extension to Montclair, I FULLY Support having this SBCTA Board ADOPT in SUPPORT of AB 1678, which will bring more transit options for IE residents to get to Pasadena/LA. DO NOT TAKE our transit options away from us. Supporting AB 1678 will support SBCTA's mission:

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AB 1678 will be vital in Montclair's ambition to become a prime transit hub serving all of the Inland Empire, my community of Claremont included. I urge the board to SUPPORT AB 1678.

Sincerely,  
Asari

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Item 25, for 4/1/2026 Board of Director Meeting:

As a resident of Redlands who fully supports all efforts for transit including this A-Line Extension to Montclair, I FULLY SUPPORT having this SBCTA Board ADOPT in SUPPORT of AB 1678, which will bring more transit options for IE residents to get to Pasadena/LA. DO NOT TAKE our transit options away from us. Supporting AB 1678 will support SBCTA's mission:

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PLEASE DONT MESS THIS UP.

Worriedly,  
Ethan Horan



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**31 March 2026**

The Honorable Rick Denison  
Chair  
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
1170 W. 3rd Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92410

**RE: Item 25 Oppose - Bill Item Recommendation**

**Dear Chair Denison and Directors:**

The Transit Coalition (TTC) expressly opposes the Staff Recommendation for Item 25 on Assembly Bill 1678. Instead, the Coalition proposes the Board recommend adopting a support position to Assembly Bill 1678.

Assembly Bill 1678, the *Claremontclair Authority: Metro A Line Extension project*, aligns with several priorities of the SBCTA/SBCOG 2025-2026 State Legislative Platform.

The SBCTA/SBCOG 2025-2026 State Legislative Platform, under the section Local Control, supports legislative initiatives to “ensure SBCTA’s decision-making authority over transportation projects that are planned, constructed and operated in San Bernardino County” (pg. 3).

AB 1678 gives more decision making to San Bernardino County officials on the Metro A Line to Montclair addressing all three SBCTA concerns.

Unlike the existing Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (FGLCA), San Bernardino County will have three out of five voting seats on the Claremontclair Authority Board: One each for SBCTA, the City of Montclair, and the San Bernardino County Supervisor for the Fourth District.

The platform states its support to “promote strong collaborative partnerships with State agencies” and “ensure that SBCTA has a role in the planning of all transportation modes and routes serving San Bernardino County” (pgs. 3, 8).

The FGLCA is an agency of the State of California, not the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA).

The same would be true for the proposed Claremontclair Authority. AB 1678 affirms and strengthens local control to San Bernardino County by granting voting representation and decision making on the Metro A Line Montclair extension.

**Additionally, the SBCTA San Bernardino County Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan identifies the Metro A Line to San Bernardino County as a “major transit service initiative to increase frequency, connectivity and accessibility” (pg. 19).**

**AB 1678 gives San Bernardino County greater decision-making authority over transportation projects in San Bernardino County.**

**The bill aligns with priorities that SBCTA and SBCOG support under their 2025-2026 State Legislative platform. The Metro A Line to Montclair is seen as a long-term transportation opportunity by the county despite recent setbacks and decisions.**

**The Transit Coalition strongly recommends against the Staff Recommendation on Item 25. Rather, The Coalition advocates for a support position to AB 1678.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bart Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Bart Reed  
Executive Director**