

Public Comments Agenda Item No. 3

Transit Committee Meeting

**March 12, 2026
9:00 AM**

Location

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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3. Resolution No. 26-010 - Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program - Population Share

That the Transit Committee recommend the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA):

A. Allocate \$3,711,888 of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) - Population Share funding to the following projects:

- i. Basin Transit: Free Fare Subsidy – \$40,000; Bus Stop Improvements - \$79,203
- ii. Mountain Transit: Free Fare Subsidy - \$83,958
- iii. Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA): Fare Media Subsidy - \$40,000; Free Fares K-12 - \$250,000; Free Fares on Special Days - \$50,000; Sustain and Enhance Vanpool Subsidy Program - \$484,776
- iv. Omnitrans: Student Fare Subsidy Program – \$1,635,466; West Valley Connector Free Fares - \$20,000; West Valley Connector Weekend Service - \$20,000
- v. SBCTA: Enhanced Metrolink Service Project - \$1,008,485

B. Allocate \$679 of LCTOP - Operator Share funds from the City of Needles to VVTA for VVTA's Sustain and Enhance Vanpool Subsidy Program.

C. Approve the reallocation of \$901,675 of LCTOP - Population Share funds and any accrued interest, currently allocated to the Ontario International Airport Connector Project, to the SBCTA Rail Ridership Recovery Project and authorize staff to submit a corrective action plan to update the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) LCTOP programming amount once the SBCTA Rail Ridership Recovery Project allocation request is approved by Caltrans.

D. Approve the reallocation of \$1,134,775 of LCTOP - Population Share funds and any accrued interest, currently allocated to the Gold Line Extension to Montclair, to the SBCTA Enhanced Metrolink Rail Service Project and authorize staff to submit a corrective action plan to update the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) LCTOP programming amount once the SBCTA Enhanced Metrolink Rail Service Project request is approved by Caltrans.

E. Adopt Resolution No. 26-010 authorizing the Executive Director, or her designee, to execute Certifications and Assurances for SBCTA projects for LCTOP and nomination of funding requests for listed transit projects.

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

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program - Population Share Agenda Item #3, Recommendation D Public Comment

I do NOT SUPPORT Agenda Item #3, Recommendation D: the reallocation of the Gold Line Extension to Montclair Amount of Requested LCTOP Funds towards Metrolink improvements. Within the March 13, 2026 Agenda Packet, on Packet page 19, the SBCTA itself has analyzed the Gold Line Extension to Montclair and deemed the project as benefitting "Disadvantaged Community" and "Low-Income Community".

By maintaining the funds for the Gold Line Extension to the Montclair Transit Center, the SBCTA can further increase accessible transit options for commuters and residents in southwestern San Bernardino County and invest in job opportunities and additional spending from commuters and visitors.

Via Metrolink, Montclair is a 55-minute commute to Los Angeles or a 45-minute commute to the City of San Bernardino. When the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line to Montclair opens for passenger service, the City will be 40-minutes via light rail from downtown Pasadena, connecting Montclair's diversifying downtown with the rest of Southern California and increasing regional productivity and opportunities for County residents.

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Hello SBCTA. My name is Faraz and I'm a resident of Downey who uses public transit buses and trains for work on a near daily basis.

I'm asking SBCTA to not remove funding from the Gold Line Extension to Montclair (as mentioned on page 14 of the agenda).

While it's good that SBCTA wants to enhance rail service on the Metrolink train, it's still important to have the better frequencies of LA Metro service of 8 minutes (as Metrolink frequencies are only planned for up to 30 minutes). It's a better economic benefit to Montclair and the surrounding communities to have both services.

Personally, I have family that lives in Upland and having an extension to Montclair would make it much easier to catch the OmniTrans Route 66 since it has a stop in Montclair (but it doesn't have a stop at Claremont where the Metro A/Gold Line is currently being built towards).

I hope that SBCTA will reconsider pulling funds and allow the Gold Line/A Blue Line to be built toward Montclair.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Faraz Aqil