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MTA WILL CONSIDER ALTERNATE RAIL TECHNOLOGY (ART) FOR THE LOS ANGELES-GLENDALE-BURBANK CORRIDOR AS PART OF ITS LONG RANGE PLAN UPDATE

The MTA Board has accepted various funding scenarios, including a pledge of local commitment, for a full Alternate Rail Technology (ART) operation in the Los Angeles-Glendale-Burbank corridor.

The proposed project will be considered next spring along with other possible corridors to demonstrate ART technology.

"ART technology provides the MTA an opportunity to consider alternate, less expensive, mass transportation solutions for the region," said Larry Zarian, MTA Board Chairman. "We must find ways to lower our costs so that we can provide more and better services in our region. Our ultimate goal is to take the funds saved and use them for other transportation projects. The MTA Board is committed to stretching every dollar to its maximum. "

The ART study, already completed, confirmed the feasibility of using existing infrastructure along the current Metrolink Moorpark and Santa Clarita lines. ART could be implemented along the corridor less expensively than previously proposed light rail programs.

Under full ART implementation in a given corridor, a fleet of ART vehicles would be purchased to allow for frequent service, comparable to other types of rail operation.

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The ART proposal for the Los Angeles-Glendale-Burbank corridor consists of 11 stations, compared to the current four stations in the corridor, from Burbank Airport to Union Station, now served by Metrolink.

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