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New Valley Train-to-Plane Connection

L.A. Metro, Metrolink, Burbank Officials Celebrate Completion of New Metrolink Antelope Valley Line Station Opening May 14 to serve Hollywood Burbank Airport

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Metrolink and airport officials held a ribbon cutting-ceremony to celebrate the completion of a new Metrolink Antelope Valley Line rail station that will connect travelers with the Hollywood Burbank Airport in the San Fernando Valley. The station will officially open to the public on Monday, May 14.

The station should help reduce vehicle trips on the I-5 freeway and roads in the many residential neighborhoods near the airport. Air travelers will be able to seamlessly connect to and from the new station via a free shuttle operated by the Hollywood Burbank Airport. New station amenities will include rail ticket vending machines, benches, bike racks and LED display boards showing arrival and departure times for trains, buses and planes. A pedestrian sidewalk and transit plaza will be built adjacent to the station platform and San Fernando Boulevard.

“This new station will make it much more convenient for everyone traveling on the popular Antelope Valley Line to reach this important regional airport to catch domestic and international flights,” said Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. “We are glad to now provide a more direct train-to-plane connection for residents of Los Angeles County who want more efficient connections to our regional airports.”

Located on the northwestern corner of Hollywood Way and San Fernando Boulevard between the cities of Burbank and Los Angeles, the new station will also be within walking

distance of the planned airport terminal facility that will replace the current terminal, as well as a future proposed mixed-use development.

“Metro and its partners are making good on their promise to improve connections with airports countywide including Burbank, one the nation’s most convenient airports,” said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, a Metro Board Member.

Metrolink’s Antelope Valley Line runs between Los Angeles Union Station, the Northeast San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster. The station is the second to serve Hollywood Burbank Airport. Metrolink’s Ventura County Line also provides a station stop on the other side of the airport.

“The City of Burbank is excited to have another transportation alternative for both our residents and employees who work and reside within our city,” stated Burbank Mayor Emily Gabel-Luddy. “Additionally, the new station will act as an essential part of our future vision for the Airport/Golden State District.”

“With the opening of the Burbank Airport-North Metrolink Station, passengers from Lancaster to Los Angeles will now be able to connect to Hollywood Burbank Airport on the Antelope Valley Line,” said Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority President and Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek. “We’re proud to be the only Southern California airport to offer plane-to-train connections at two train stations, including the existing Burbank Airport-South Station, which serves passengers from East Ventura to Union Station on Metrolink’s Ventura County Line and from San Luis Obispo to San Diego on Amtrak’s Pacific Surfliner.”

“Metro is glad to build and be a major funding partner for this new transit connection to the Hollywood Burbank Airport,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. “Metro’s transportation transformation will continue to deliver more and better options to many of our important regional destinations.”

[Insert Metrolink quote here].

Construction of the new station began in March 2017. The project was built by C.A. Rasmussen, INC., of Valencia, California. The \$15 million project was delivered on-time and under budget.

The project is part of Metro's Regional Rail Program, which seeks to advance projects that improve regional rail mobility in Los Angeles County. For additional program information, visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/regionalrail/>.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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