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The Board has approved funds to study Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) technology. This DMU self-propelled rail car successfully completed its testing at the Transportation Technology Center (TTC) in Pueblo, Colorado and made its debut at the 2002 APTA Annual Conference in Las Vegas.



## Metro to Fund Study of Regional Connector Linking SFV and SGV

- Board also voted funds to study DMU rail car technology

By RICK JAGER

(July 5, 2006) Metro will provide \$150,000 for a study of a possible regional connector that would link transit services in the San Fernando Valley and the San Gabriel Valley.

The study will look at how a regional connector through the cities of Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena and parts of Los Angeles could link the Metro Red Line and/or the Metro Orange Line in North Hollywood with the Metro Gold Line in Pasadena.

On a motion by Director Ara Najarian, a Glendale City Councilman member, the Board of Directors last month approved funding to study the regional connector through Glendale and Burbank.

The Board also approved a wide variety of transportation studies on a host of other transit-related projects for the region.

"This connector line is critical in linking the two great valleys in metropolitan LA – the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys – and the benefits to commuters in the region will be tremendous," said Najarian.

Under a second motion by Najarian, the Board also allocated \$250,000 to initiate a feasibility study of the use of Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) technology on existing Metro-owned rights-of-way. A DMU is a self-propelled rail car designed for commuter rail or intercity rail service.

"This is cutting-edge technology that should not be overlooked as we plan for future transportation options for the region," said Najarian.

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