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Metro to Fund Implementation Study on a Regional Connector Through Glendale and Burbank

Metro will provide \$150,000 for a study looking into how a regional connector could be implemented through the cities of Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena and parts of Los Angeles that would 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 Metro Board Member and Glendale City Councilman Ara Najarian, the Metro Board of Directors recently approved funding for the study on 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 approved the allocation of \$250,000 to initiate a feasibility study of the use of Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) technology, a self-propelled rail car that is actually like a bus for commuter rail or intercity rail service, on existing Metro-owned right-of-ways.

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

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