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By Director LaBonge

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority, more commonly known as “Metrolink,” operates the only interregional rail service in Southern California. Metrolink’s seven rail lines bring people from as far away as Oceanside, Lancaster and Ventura to Union Station. Metrolink includes commuter and other passenger services, thereby linking communities to employment and activity centers.

Metrolink works closely with local jurisdictions and communities to strategically locate rail stations to provide effective and high-value service. As the central destination point for all the Metrolink rail lines, it is important that the City of Los Angeles examine ways to enhance the Metrolink service and increase the number of station destinations. Griffith Park is an important destination situated near the Ventura/Antelope Valley Metrolink rail lines. A new station near this facility would allow people from all across Southern California to access Griffith Park’s numerous family attractions, assortment of educational and cultural institutions and miles of hiking and horseback riding trails. Specifically, Griffith Park includes: the Griffith Observatory, Travel Town Transportation Museum, Autry National Center, Los Angeles Zoo, Greek Theater, the historic Merry-Go-Round and pony rides, Los Angeles Equestrian Center and four golf courses. Since Metrolink trains runs along San Fernando Road, not far from Griffith Park, a new station would provide another important transportation option for people to access the over 4,217 acres of the nation’s largest municipal park and urban wilderness area. A new station at this location would also compliment the busy media districts in Burbank and Glendale.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct staff to examine the feasibility of creating shuttle service between existing Metrolink stations and Griffith Park, as well as to contact the Cities of Glendale and Burbank, as well as Caltrans, to inquire about their interest in developing an additional train station in the area of San Fernando Road near the 134 Freeway to serve such a shuttle service.

