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By Director LaBonge

According to Metro staff, the last major systemwide change in bus operations was made in 1980. Since that time, there has been significant population and job growth, changes in land use throughout the County and changing travel needs. Metro is determined to change how they deliver transit services to maximize the use of transit investment and use constrained resources. In order to achieve this goal, staff is working on a new service concept called “Metro Connections.” Through this new approach to providing bus service, Metro is looking at community-oriented destinations and key corridors to connect these centers.

It is important for the Board to be fully engaged in the development of an implementation plan that proposes a major restructuring of transit service. A draft proposal should be shared with Boardmembers as soon as a sketch framework has been developed to ensure that regional, subregional and community destinations and corridors are appropriately chosen. It is also critical that existing “hubs” of transit activity, as well as the existing fixed local and commuter rail service (including Metrolink), exclusive busway service (Metro Orange Line), the Metro Rapid bus system and roads, highways and associated transportation facilities are all fully supported by any new network of bus and other transit services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct staff to report on the draft implementation plan for the Metro Connections effort, particularly as it relates to existing rail service and stations, the Metro Orange Line busway and Metro Rapid bus service, as well as connections to community centers and neighborhoods in the region.

