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# Interoffice Memo

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<b>Date</b>	April 11, 2013
<b>To</b>	Michelle Jackson
<b>From</b>	Renee Berlin, Executive Officer Countywide Planning
<b>Subject</b>	Response to Request from the November 28, 2012 Board Staff on West Santa Ana Branch and Using the Proposed Union Station Run-through Track

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This memo is to provide a response to the request for information on the use of the proposed run-through track at Union Station for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project.

- (1) The West Santa Ana Branch will not be able to use any of the existing light rail tracks at the Union Station complex, due to operating capacity and systems constraints. A separate platform and associated systems would have to be constructed to support any additional light rail introduced into the Union Station complex.
- (2) Using the run-through structure would either require re-designing the current Gold Line approaches and moving service to a platform immediately west of the current Gold Line platform, or removing the current commuter-intercity rail tracks (Track 3 & 4 possibly) and replacing with Light Rail Transit which would reduce commuter-intercity rail capacity.

Should any Board of Director or Board Staff wish to discuss further, please contact Renee Berlin at 213-922-3035 or [berlinr@metro.net](mailto:berlinr@metro.net) or Bruce Shelburne at 213-922-6951 or [Shelburneb@metro.net](mailto:Shelburneb@metro.net).

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