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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MAY 21, 2009**

**SUBJECT: SEAMLESS TRANSFER CONNECTIONS AT SYLMAR METROLINK
STATION BETWEEN METRO LINE 794 AND SANTA CLARITA TRANSIT
LINE 8**

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file report to establish seamless transfer connections at Sylmar Metrolink Station between Metro Line 794 and Santa Clarita Line 8.

ISSUE

In April 2009, Director Antonovich requested staff to coordinate with Santa Clarita Transit Planners to establish seamless transfer connections at Sylmar Metrolink Station between Metro Line 794 and Santa Clarita Line 8.

The intent of his request is to provide convenience transfer opportunities by minimizing passenger wait times between trips arriving and departing Sylmar Metrolink Station.

BACKGROUND

Effective June 28, 2009, Metro Rapid Line 794 (Los Angeles – Sylmar via San Fernando Road) will be extended from the city of Burbank to Sylmar Metrolink Station and new transit schedules with frequent headways will be implemented. As a result, most trips will have convenient passenger connections.

Santa Clarita staff is in the early stages of planning future route and schedule changes. Options for modifying their Santa Clarita to San Fernando Valley service are shown below:

Option 1 proposes the continuation of Santa Clarita Line 8 service. To assist in this effort, Metro has adjusted Line 794 weekday, Saturday and Sunday transit schedules to connect with existing Line 8 service. In addition, Metro staff will meet with Santa Clarita staff in late May 2009 for further coordination.

Option 2 proposes the cancellation of Santa Clarita Line 8 and the reallocation of related resources to fund a replacement service. The replacement service would operate between the city of Santa Clarita and community of North Hollywood and commence in August 2009. A seamless transfer would be established with frequently running Metro Red and Orange Line services.

In May 2009, Santa Clarita Transit will be conducting two community meetings to discuss the proposed cancellation of Line 8 and proposed implementation of new Santa Clarita to North Hollywood express service. The Metro Board of Directors will be apprised of Santa Clarita Transit's findings and final recommendations.

NEXT STEPS

In May 2009 or later, planners will meet to review and refine new schedules for services linking Santa Clarita and the San Fernando Valley. At that time, adjustments will be made to ensure most trips will have convenient transfer connections.

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