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**SUBJECT: METRO GOLD LINE EXTENSION PARKING AT AZUSA AND
IRWINDALE STATIONS**

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is providing an update to the Board on parking demand management for the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension transit parking facilities.

BACKGROUND

The Metro Gold Line Extension to Azusa opened in March 2016 and included 1,562 parking spaces and six (6) parking facilities. Since the opening of the line, parking demand at the eastern most stations has surpassed the available parking supply. The two Azusa stations and Irwindale stations fill up by 6:00 am or earlier on weekdays. Since the opening of the extension, Parking Management has developed short term and long term solutions to ease the parking problem at the most impacted Gold Line Extension stations parking facilities. Immediately after the opening of the line Parking Management began coordinating parking attendant services at both Azusa and Irwindale stations. Parking attendants were available at the facilities to help patrons identify parking spaces between 5:30 am and 10:30 am. Parking attendants also screened patrons and asked them to present their TAP cards to ensure that they were transit riders. As soon as the lot was full, the parking attendants posted signs at facility entrances to direct cars to another station with available parking.

Downtown Azusa Station Parking

The Downtown Azusa Station garage was a joint development project to build a 539 parking space garage providing parking for the City of Azusa, Metro and Foothill Transit. Out of the 539 parking spaces, 166 were allocated for the use of the city of Azusa, 187 spaces for Metro and 187 for Foothill Transit patrons. Since the opening of

the extension, overwhelming parking demand at this facility has been generated by Metro patrons. Recently, Metro Parking Management was able to negotiate a contract with the City of Azusa to lease their parking spaces for Metro transit patron use. These spaces were made available to all Metro patrons effective July 2016 through Metro's permit parking program, bringing Metro's parking inventory to 353 parking spaces at the Downtown Azusa station. Metro will reimburse the City of Azusa for their operating and maintenance cost, in the amount of \$31,169.04 per year for the lease of these spaces. This is a one year lease, which may be extended if the city does not have plans for their parking.

Foothill Transit has 187 of the parking spaces at the Downtown Azusa station to serve its two transit lines that operate between Azusa to Downtown Los Angeles. These lines are operating as part of Foothill Transit's pilot programs. Foothill Transit is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Downtown Azusa parking facility. When the two lines opened in early 2016, ridership numbers were modest. Once the Metro Gold Line Extension opened for operation, the ridership on the two lines further decreased. As a result there has been little demand by Foothill Transit patrons. Staff is currently exploring with Foothill Transit to transfer the operating responsibility of these parking spaces to Metro. If Metro takes over the Foothill Transit portion of the facility, this will increase Metro's parking inventory at the Azusa Downtown Station to 539 parking spaces and include the entire Downtown Azusa parking facility.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will work with Foothill Transit to explore the use by Metro of their 187 parking spaces at the Downtown Azusa Station. Staff will report back to the Board on the status.