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**SUBJECT: FUTURE USE OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD BURBANK
CHANDLER RIGHT OF WAY**

ISSUE

At the July 26, 2012 Board meeting, Director LaBonge asked whether there was a future use planned for the Burbank Chandler right-of-way (ROW) through North Hollywood and if not, could East Valley High School expand its ball field into the ROW. This question was asked as part of the oral response to Director Najarian's motion (#77) on ground access improvements and funding for the Bob Hope/Burbank Airport. This memo responds to Director LaBonge's question.

DISCUSSION

In the 1980s, the MTA purchased the Burbank Chandler ROW extending from Warner Center through North Hollywood to the City of Burbank for future transit purposes. The Metro Orange Line was constructed and opened for service in 2005 on the portion of the Burbank Chandler ROW from North Hollywood to Warner Center. A remaining four mile segment of this ROW between North Hollywood and downtown Burbank is being preserved for a future extension of the Metro Orange Line or another transit project.

Dedicating any additional portion of this ROW such as for the high school's ball field expansion, would preclude its future use for transit purposes.

Potential Future Transit Uses

The adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) includes the proposed Yellow Line transit project in the Strategic Plan Tier 2 (unfunded). This project envisions a transit connection from the Metro Red Line North Hollywood station to the City of Burbank's Regional Intermodal Transit Center (Metrolink station) using the Burbank Chandler ROW. This strategic unfunded transit line could

potentially extend past Burbank to downtown Los Angeles and connect with the Regional Connector. Because the Yellow Line would be located on the remaining portion of the Burbank Chandler ROW, no portion of that ROW should be given over to any other use.

NEXT STEPS

Any future updates of the LRTP could evaluate potential projects in the Strategic unfunded element for advancement subject to the availability of funding.