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**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SERVICE COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: MOTION 79 - REPORT OF METRO TO METROLINK INTERFACE

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update of Metro to Metrolink scheduled bus and train meets as implemented with the December 2013 service changes.

ISSUE

The Board approved a motion in July 2012 that adopted a policy goal of coordination and synchronization among Los Angeles County transit agencies of service change schedules and transfer points to provide maximum efficiency and effectiveness of transfers between transit services to improve the regional transportation system. This report provides an update of bus and train meets as implemented with the December 2013 schedule changes. Staff utilizes an implementation plan approved at the March 2013 meeting of the System Safety and Operations Committee. As directed by the motion, Staff continues to implement efforts that meet the adopted goals established by the Board.

DISCUSSION

Metro and Metrolink realize that not every bus trip can possibly meet a train. Metro bus schedules are headway based, with a frequency up to every 60 minutes. Metrolink schedules more so reflect limitations of their restricted travel space, which is shared with Amtrak and freight operations. Train schedules are somewhat inconsistent and difficult to modify. Both agencies agreed that the peak travel periods would be the focus of the connection improvements. Therefore, staff of both agencies agreed to the following Board approved criteria as a measurement of coordination:

- 3 minutes or less between a bus or train arrival or departure is considered a missed connection;
- 4 or 5 minutes between a bus or train arrival or departure is considered a connection that needs a minor schedule adjustment to improve the connection;
- A 6 to 15 minute window between a bus or train arrival or departure is considered a good connection needing no modifications;
- 16 to 17 minutes between a bus or train arrival or departure is considered a connection that needs a minor schedule adjustment to improve the connection;

- 18 minutes or more between a bus or train arrival or departure is considered a missed connection.

Attached is a copy of the Chatsworth and Sylmar Station interface connections reflecting the December 2013 schedule changes, as well as a recent Metrolink schedule change. At the Chatsworth Station, overall bus/rail meets remained constant from June 2013. The Sylmar Station showed an increase of bus/rail meets.

ATTACHMENTS

Chatsworth Metrolink Connectivity
Sylmar Metrolink Connectivity

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