

Motion by Directors DuBois and Knabe

The staff recommendation on moving forward with two build options for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase II includes analyzing environmental impacts and performance with both Alternatives in operation, including conducting cost containment studies.

Both alternative alignments combined have the potential to add an additional 36,000 new riders to the main Metro Gold Line Eastside Phase II.

Integration via a connector or other line integration with the West Santa Ana Branch (Eco-Rapid Transit Line) may provide relief for some of this ridership as well as provide more system options for area residents. If there is any potential connectivity with the West Santa Ana Branch then now is the time to analyze this option.

Therefore as part of this analysis we recommend that:

Staff investigate coordination or potential connectivity that does not preclude integration of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension and the West Santa Ana Branch (Eco-Rapid Transit) Project.