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Item 21.1 [REVISED] – Claremont Gold Line & Metrolink Shared Station

The Foothill Gold Line and the Metrolink San Bernardino Line include three co-located Metrolink and Gold Line Stations – North Pomona, Claremont and Montclair – within a couple miles of each other. Construction of the Gold Line requires demolition of the existing Claremont Metrolink station and rebuilding a new one, which then presents the option of forgoing the Claremont Metrolink station altogether. This option offers a shorter commute time on the Metrolink San Bernardino Line while the Gold Line provides more frequent light rail service and would reduce construction costs for the Gold Line extension.

A decision to maintain or remove the Metrolink station in the City of Claremont is critically urgent to avoid delays and cost overruns associated with construction of the Foothill Gold Line Phase 2B extension to Claremont / Montclair.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct the CEO and the Regional Rail Unit to:

- A. Adjust the scope of the proposed *San Bernardino Line Strategic Study* to evaluate the benefits and/or impacts related to removing the Metrolink Claremont Station. At a minimum, the study shall provide a comprehensive understanding of the following:
 1. Current and projected ridership growth under existing conditions;
 2. Total parking spaces and current parking utilization rate at all co-located stations;
 3. Impacts and potential mitigations to Metrolink riders that currently board at the Claremont station;
 4. Impacts to Metrolink operations and travel times;
 5. Cost savings associated with the construction of the Gold Line Phase 2B;
 6. Impacts and potential mitigations to the City of Claremont if it becomes the Gold Line terminus with and without a Metrolink Station scenario.
 7. Analysis of when Metrolink service would be discontinued in Claremont during Gold Line construction, and length of time during which no rail transit options would be available in Claremont.
 8. Analysis of changes to gate operations at all crossings in Claremont if the Metrolink station is eliminated.
- B. Include City of Claremont staff in the project team during all phases of the study.
- C. Determine the formal process by which to eliminate a Metrolink station, should that local station city agree;
- D. Report back to the board within 60 days with a final report, findings and recommendations after presenting the draft to the City of Claremont.