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BOB HOPE AIRPORT FIGHTS PROPOSED CUTS IN METROLINK SERVICE

Airport Authority Offers Ad Campaign to Metrolink Board to Bolster Ridership

BURBANK, Calif., March 15, 2010 — The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority took action today to oppose proposed cuts in Metrolink service to the Bob Hope Airport Train Station under consideration by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) at an upcoming hearing April 2.

In a letter sent to SCRRA's hearing docket, Authority President Joyce Streator challenged the wisdom of cuts that could include the complete elimination of service from Oxnard and Camarillo as well as draconian cuts in service to the Antelope Valley.

“As you contemplate these issues in April, the Authority reiterates its advocacy that service cuts to the Airport will severely diminish the added value this particular stop brings to Metrolink and its passengers, namely the synergy with alternate modes of travel that converge at Bob Hope Airport including commercial airline service, major bus lines, rental car availability and private automobile access in numbers approaching five million annual airline passengers,” Streator said.

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METROLINK CUTS CHALLENGED

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The Authority advocates enhanced efforts to increase Metrolink ridership rather than reducing service and raising fares, and offered to help fund advertising in the cities along Metrolink routes to Ventura County and the Antelope Valley to demonstrate the Airport's commitment to promoting train ridership.

“We don't think Metrolink is adequately promoting the connectivity it has with the Airport, and creating more awareness of how great rail and air travel work together at Bob Hope Airport is the key to long-term sustainability of both Metrolink and the Airport,” said Airport Executive Director Dan Feger. The Authority is also looking at reviving shuttle connections between the Airport and the Downtown Burbank Train Station, which will enhance Airport access for Antelope Valley Line Metrolink passengers, Feger added.

Streator noted that the Airport is also developing a Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) estimated to cost over \$100 million across the street from the Bob Hope Airport Train Station. The RITC is slated to open in late 2012.

“This center will promote a convenient link between Metrolink, the Airport terminal, other public transit, and rental cars, at no cost to Metrolink. The Authority is demonstrating its faith in the future of rail transportation in this region. Good Metrolink service to the Airport is essential, and we hope SCRAA continues to come along for the ride,” Streator said.