

Planning and Programming Committee
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MOTION
Chairman Antonovich

Los Angeles County MTA Support for XpressWest

The XpressWest (formerly known as DesertXpress) project is a private venture seeking to construct a high speed rail line between Las Vegas and Victorville.

This project seeks a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF) loan to complement private equity to construct the project, with receipts from the project over time repaying the loan.

Prior MTA Board action seeks to connect the southern terminus of XpressWest in Victorville to the Metrolink/future California High Speed Rail station in Palmdale with a High Speed Rail link within the multi-modal High Desert Corridor right-of-way.

Although this project is outside Los Angeles County boundaries, the potential to link it to Palmdale and the Metrolink system opens up tremendous opportunities for expanded mobility in Los Angeles County and Southern California as a whole.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the MTA Board take a position of support for the XpressWest project and its loan application with the Federal Railroad Administration.