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Metrolink currently provides weekend service for the Antelope Valley Line, with six round trip trains on Saturday and three round trip trains on Sunday. The Antelope Santa Clarita Valleys have many residents which depend upon this train service for mobility during the weekends to visit people and destinations within the Southern California region. Increasing weekend service on Sunday to six round trips would improve transportation options for these residents and mirror the service provided on Saturdays.

Furthermore, in contrast to our regional goal of coordinating and synchronizing transit transfer schedules, weekend train trips on the Antelope Valley Line are uncoordinated with Amtrak trains and other Metrolink trains at Union Station, creating major service gaps for Los Angeles County residents connecting to destinations between Los Angeles and Orange County, San Diego and San Bernardino.

For example, **Saturday train #262 departing Lancaster at 9:13 A.M. arrives at Union Station at 11:20 A.M.** Passengers on this train that which to continue taking train service to Orange County and San Diego miss:

- Metrolink Orange County Line train #662 which departs Union Station at 10:45 A.M.; and
- Amtrak train #572 which departs Union Station at 11:15 A.M.

The next train service from Union Station to Orange County and beyond is the next Metrolink Orange County Line train which departs at 2:00 P.M., creating a 2 hour and 40 minute transfer delay for passengers.

If Metrolink train #262 were to arrive at Union Station just 20 minutes earlier at 11:00 A.M., then passengers could easily transfer onto Amtrak at 11:15 A.M. to destinations as far south as San Diego.

There are several other such missed transfer opportunities between Metrolink and Amtrak, and between Metrolink trains on different lines, that must be fixed.

This lack of coordination suppresses ridership and diminishes regional mobility for County residents that wish to use weekend train service throughout Southern California.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the CEO return in June with a proposal to increase Sunday service on the Antelope Valley Line from three to six round trips, as part of the proposed Metrolink budget.

I ALSO MOVE that the CEO work with Metrolink and Amtrak to do the following:

- (1) identify missed connections between Metrolink trains and between Metrolink and Amtrak trains
- (2) implement an updated schedule plan that allows for Metrolink and Amtrak train schedules to be coordinated to allow for timely transfers throughout the region, and
- (3) report back to the Board at the June 2013 Planning Committee and Board Meeting with an update on these efforts and timeline for completion.