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EXPO PHASE 2 TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY

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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has made great strides in expanding the region's transportation system through improvements to the existing transit system and the construction of new rail projects. However, facilitating car-free passenger connections to the rail system continues to present a challenge. One opportunity for improvement would be to better integrate rail connections with local and regional bus operators by adjusting bus schedules and re-routing the surrounding bus routes.

Expo Phase 2 is scheduled to be complete in 2015 with seven new stations in West Los Angeles and the City of Santa Monica. Currently, Metro does not operate any north/south bus service that will connect with the four westernmost stations of Expo Phase 2. Culver City Bus and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus currently operate north/south transit service in the area but it is unknown whether existing bus routes should be augmented and/or realigned to better connect transit riders to the Expo Phase 2. It is critical that Metro coordinate their future bus operation plans with Big Blue Bus and Culver City bus to facilitate simple, intuitive connections to the Expo Line

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct the CEO to convene a working group with Big Blue Bus and Culver City Bus to:

- Identify existing bus routes that will service Expo Phase 2 rail stations
- Evaluate how these routes and schedules can be augmented to seamlessly integrate bus service with the new rail line
- Explore other methods for improving transit connections to the rail stations, such as wayfinding signage and bus stop location

WE FURTHER MOVE that staff present the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Board for consideration at the February 2014 Board meeting.