

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council: As a resident and a transit rider, I rely on public transportation to get to work and back home. The Sun Valley Metrolink Station is an important asset to the community of Sun Valley (Council District 6). I take the Metrolink train every weekday to work and back home. Many people take the Metrolink train at the Sun Valley Metrolink Station. I've been taking the train since July 2024. I utilize the parking lot at the station as well. I also bike to and from the Metrolink Station. I take my bike via the train to downtown L.A. to work. If the parking-lot is taken away, this will force people to stop using the Sun Valley Metrolink Station and go elsewhere. Rather, council member Imelda Padilla should work with Metrolink Station to increase visibility and improve transportation to and from the Sun Valley Metrolink Station such as increased signage, increased bus frequency to and from the station, turning the Sun Valley Metrolink Station into a Transportation Hub similar to Burbank and San Fernando/Sylmar Station. Sun Valley Metrolink Station needs more shelter and trees to provide shade for transit riders. Repair the streetlights and more benches. The Sun Valley Metrolink Station needs beatification improvements to make it more attractive to transit riders. I urge councilmember Padilla to not dismantle the Station and or take away the parking lot. I and many other transit riders depend on the station for work and to get back home. Please protect the Sun Valley Metrolink Station. As a transit and train rider, I am dependent on the Sun Valley station on a daily/weekly basis. Please see attached document referencing the Sun Valley Metrolink Station by former Council President Paul Krekorian, Council District 2. Thank you. Sincerely, Lionel Mares

MOTION

The Antelope Valley Line is part of the regions Metrolink commuter rail system and connects Lancaster with Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. The line has several stations in the San Fernando Valley including in Sun Valley in Council District 6. This station has a travel time of 29 minutes to Union Station. Metro and Metrolink are currently working on a \$220 million project to upgrade the Antelope Valley Line which will allow for 30 minute bi-directional headways between Santa Clarita and Union Station. This would be a tremendous upgrade from current service on the line which now only consists of ten trains a day.

Sun Valley has a large low income and transit dependent population. Currently, the Sun Valley Metrolink station consists of a single platform and is located in an industrial area far from residents, businesses, and other transit connections. Many Sun Valley residents do not even know that the area has a Metrolink station. In order for Sun Valley to take advantage of the upgrades to the Antelope Valley line, the city should partner with Metro to explore how we can upgrade the Antelope Valley Station to be more of a community asset.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the CLA and CAO report back on how the city can partner with Metro and Metrolink to prepare a study for the Sun Valley Metrolink station that analyzes:

- Relocating the Metrolink station to Sunland and Van Nuys Boulevard and identify challenges and opportunities for each location in comparison with the existing location with consideration of impacts to Metrolink operations.
- Improving the Metrolink Sun Valley Station as a multi-modal Transit HUB by improving bus/shuttle service and active transportation as well as the feasibility of adding a second platform in response to the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA and CAO report back on any available funds that the city can contribute to this study.

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