

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to reconfiguring the NoHo DASH line as NoHo2BUR Connect, a direct transit connection between North Hollywood Station and Hollywood Burbank Airport.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Nazarian – Padilla):

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report within 90 days with recommendations to reconfigure the NoHo DASH line as NoHo2BUR Connect, a direct transit connection between North Hollywood Station and Hollywood Burbank Airport, redeploying the line's existing vehicles and service hours, including:
 - a. Alignment and stop options developed at LADOT's discretion, with estimated travel times compared against existing transit, rideshare, and driving; • How the service would use the new terminal's transit facilities and connect with Airport Authority shuttles, BurbankBus, Metro, Metrolink, and planned high-speed rail without duplicating existing service.
 - b. Service span and frequency options suited to air travel, including weekend service.
 - c. Operating costs relative to the current NoHo DASH budget, any additional resources needed, and confirmation of Local Return eligibility for service outside City limits.
 - d. Accommodation of the service in the planned North Hollywood Station transit center.
2. INSTRUCT the LADOT, in collaboration with the City of Burbank and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, to report on the estimated demand for DASH BUR in comparison with the existing NoHo DASH ridership.
3. INSTRUCT the LADOT, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to initiate discussions with the City of Burbank and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority on the agreements needed for City-operated service within Burbank and on airport property, including access to the terminal's transit loading area.
4. REQUEST the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to coordinate with the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Street Services on this service, including its integration with the North Hollywood LA28 mobility hub, and report on the status of any planning for a permanent high-capacity transit connection between North Hollywood Station and the airport.

5. INSTRUCT the LADOT to report back with any anticipated timeline that would place the service in operation, including any resources and funding required to effectuate this service by the start of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On October 21, 2026, your Committee considered a Motion (Nazarian – Padilla) relative to reconfiguring the NoHo DASH line as NoHo2BUR Connect, a direct transit connection between North Hollywood Station and Hollywood Burbank Airport. According to the Motion, on October 13, 2026, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (BGPA or Airport Authority) is scheduled to open a \$1.3 billion, 14-gate replacement terminal at Hollywood Burbank Airport. The airport served a record 6.55 million passengers in 2024, and the new terminal opens less than two years before Los Angeles hosts the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

North Hollywood Station, the Valley terminus of the Metro B and G Lines, sits roughly three miles from the airport, yet there is no direct, seven-day transit link between them. The BurbankBus Orange Route runs weekdays only as a one-way loop that heads east into Burbank before circling back to the airport, and the Metro lines serving the airport do not serve North Hollywood Station.

The gap is long documented. Metro staff noted the absence of direct service from North Hollywood to the airport as early as 2006. An airport alignment was studied for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit line and dropped, and Metro's 2020 Draft Environmental Impact Report concluded that airport access could instead be enhanced with an express service similar to the Fly Away bus serving LAX. When the Airport Authority funded a free shuttle to North Hollywood Station in 2011, ridership more than doubled in six months before the service ended.

The new terminal creates an opening to close that gap. In the Federal Aviation Administration's 2021 Record of Decision, the Airport Authority committed to maintaining intermodal connectivity between the new terminal and nearby rail and bus services, and the terminal includes a transit loading area separate from passenger drop-off and a transit bypass lane, so fixed-route buses can serve the curb directly. The Authority will run shuttles linking the terminal with the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center, the Burbank Airport-South station, and the Burbank Airport-North Metrolink station, where a high-speed rail station is also planned.

The City of Burbank is evaluating whether to route BurbankBus and Metro lines into the terminal. None of these services provides a direct connection to North Hollywood Station.

The City already operates a route anchored at that station. The LADOT launched the NoHo DASH line in December 2022 as a neighborhood circulator. Reconfiguring it as NoHo2BUR Connect would redeploy the line's and service hours into a direct airport link, giving Valley rail riders a one-seat ride to their flights without new operating resources. A direct connection to one of the region's busiest airports can be expected to draw more riders than a neighborhood loop, and at the standard DASH fare of 50 cents it would cost travelers a fraction of rideshare, taxi, or airport parking. North Hollywood Station is also slated for a new transit center through the District NoHo joint development and is a planned LA28 mobility hub, positioning the station as the Valley's rail gateway to the airport. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT
PADILLA:	YES
PARK:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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