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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS October 27, 2026

Allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit Funds for Foothill Transit to Purchase Zero Emission Buses for Enhanced Service on Colima Boulevard Corridor

The *San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study* (SGV Plan), completed in February 2024 by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments in partnership with Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, recommends early implementation of "Jump Start" bus rapid transit improvements along key east–west corridors as a cost-effective alternative to the previously proposed Gold Line Extension along State Route 60. These improvements are designed to enhance transit reliability and prepare for the 2028 Olympic Games.

The SGV Plan identifies Colima Boulevard as a principal east–west transit priority, with jump start segments expected to be implemented prior to 2028.

Public Works is currently administering construction of the Colima Boulevard Improvement Project between the City of Whittier Boundary and Fullerton Road within the unincorporated communities of Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights, and a small portion extending into the City of Industry. This 5-mile project includes pavement rehabilitation, traffic signal improvements, and beautification through median

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reconstruction and landscaping work, as well as bike lanes. Construction through Hacienda Heights is complete and the remaining segment through Rowland Heights is anticipated to be completed in summer 2028.

Enhanced transit service on Colima Boulevard, ideally with zero emission buses, is critical to maximizing the benefits of the newly constructed infrastructure, supporting Olympic-ready mobility, and meeting climate goals.

Foothill Transit, the primary bus provider in the eastern San Gabriel Valley, is governed by a Joint Powers Authority comprising 22 member cities in the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys and the County of Los Angeles, with County representatives serving both on the Governing Board and Executive Board. They currently operate North America's largest hydrogen bus fleet.

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, members may make contributions to Foothill Transit to support their operations. Providing $3 million of County Proposition A Local Return funds to Foothill Transit to be used towards the purchase of zero-emission buses enhances regional transportation equity, supports regional emissions reduction strategies, improves transit efficiency ahead of the Olympics, and leverages existing County investments.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

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I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the funding of zero-emission buses for the use by a public agency is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10).
2. Approve prepayment to Foothill Transit for the purchase of zero-emission buses in an amount not to exceed $3 million from the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Transit Operations Fund Budget.

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