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## **Additional Support Material Agenda Item No. 6**

### **Commuter Rail and Transit Committee Meeting**

**February 13, 2014**

**Location:**

SANBAG Office  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby  
1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
San Bernardino, CA

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**6. Letter received regarding Metro Gold Line Extension to Ontario Airport**

Prepare a response letter regarding the status of the Ontario Airport Access Study.

*The letter was not available at the time of Agenda posting.*



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March 5, 2014

The Honorable Chris Holden  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5119  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Holden,

Thank you for your letter dated February 5, 2014, regarding a proposed extension of the Gold Line from Azusa to Montclair and a potential further extension to Ontario Airport. We appreciate your input as the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) determines how best to allocate our limited funds available for transit projects.

Since your letter raised the proposal to extend the Gold Line to Ontario Airport, we wanted to update you on the Ontario Airport Access Study currently underway. SANBAG has embarked on this comprehensive study to determine the most convenient, reliable, efficient, and cost effective way to provide transit connections to the airport.

This study is currently evaluating over 30 alternatives, including the Gold Line, Metrolink, bus, and other rail connections to the airport. We anticipate that this study will be complete in Summer/Fall 2014 and will provide the SANBAG Board of Directors with a set of recommendations that meet the goals of the study, including ensuring that airport transit connections are competitive with auto travel, provide for maximized ridership, are cost effective, and meet the overall mobility needs for our region. The SANBAG Board of Directors has no position at this time on any particular connection to the airport.

At the conclusion of the study, we hope to be able to make it easier to travel to and from Ontario Airport and support the recovery of this major regional asset. Our goal continues to be the efficient utilization of limited tax dollars for the benefit of the residents of San Bernardino County and the Southern California region. This overarching principle will drive future considerations of a transit connection to the airport, particularly as we consider not only the costs of construction but also the costs of operating a connection. As you are well aware, operating costs remain one of the biggest challenges to implementing new service options.

Noting the lack of available funding, SANBAG continues to look for additional transit funding opportunities so that we can provide expanded mobility options for our residents. We look forward to partnering with you as we seek additional state and federal funds for these projects in the future. If you have any questions about the Ontario Airport Access Study, please don't

hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Ray Wolfe, or our Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, Wendy Strack, at (909) 884-8276.

Sincerely,

W.E. Jahn  
President, Board of Directors