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Completion of New Metrolink Antelope Valley Line Station Brings Flexibility to Local Workforce

THE Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Metrolink and airport officials celebrated the completion of a new Metrolink Antelope Valley Line rail station last month that will connect travelers with the Hollywood Burbank Airport in the San Fernando Valley. The station officially opened to the public on Monday, May 14.

The station should help reduce vehicle trips on the I-5 freeway and roads in the many residential neighborhoods near the airport. Air travelers will be able to seamlessly connect to and from the new station via a free shuttle operated by the Hollywood Burbank Airport. New station amenities will include rail ticket vending machines, benches, bike racks and LED display boards showing arrival and departure times for trains, buses and planes. A pedestrian sidewalk and transit plaza will be built adjacent to the station platform and San Fernando Boulevard.

"More travelers are coming through our airports than ever before — and we're giving them new ways to get where they're going when the plane ride is over," said Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. "This new Metrolink connection will seamlessly link our transportation network with the Hollywood Burbank Airport — while easing congestion in one of our busiest corridors."

Located on the northwestern corner of Hollywood Way and San Fernando Boulevard between the cities of Burbank and Los Angeles, the new station will also be within walking distance of the planned airport terminal facility that will replace the current terminal, as well as a future proposed mixed-use development.

"Metro and its partners are making good



on their promise to improve connections with airports countywide including Burbank, one of the nation's most convenient airports," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, a Metro Board Member.

Metrolink's Antelope Valley Line runs between Los Angeles Union Station, the Northeast San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster seven days a week. The station is the second to serve Hollywood Burbank Airport. Metrolink's Ventura County Line also provides a station stop on the other side of the airport with train service on weekdays only.

"The City of Burbank is excited to have another transportation alternative for both our residents and employees who work and reside within our city," stated Burbank Mayor Emily Gabel-Luddy. "Additionally, the new station will act as an essential part of our future vision

for the Airport/Golden State District."

"With the opening of the Burbank Airport-North Metrolink Station, passengers from Lancaster to Los Angeles will now be able to connect to Hollywood Burbank Airport on the Antelope Valley Line," said Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority President and Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek. "We're proud to be the only Southern California airport to offer plane-to-train connections at two train stations, including the existing Burbank Airport-South Station, which serves passengers from East Ventura to Union Station on Metrolink's Ventura County Line and from San Luis Obispo to San Diego on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner."

"Metro is glad to build and be a major funding partner for this new transit connection to the Hollywood Burbank Airport," said Metro

CEO Phillip A. Washington. "Metro's transportation transformation will continue to deliver more and better options to many of our important regional destinations."

"With the new Metrolink Burbank Airport-North Station, there is finally a daily connection to the Hollywood Burbank Airport on the Antelope Valley Line, one of our fastest growing lines," said Metrolink CEO Art Leahy. "This new train to plane connection provides an opportunity for people to save time and money spent for parking by taking Metrolink instead."

Construction of the new station began in March 2017. The project was built by C.A. Rasmussen, INC., of Valencia, California. The \$15 million project was delivered on-time and under budget.

The project is part of Metro's Regional Rail Program, which seeks to advance projects that improve regional rail mobility in Los Angeles County. For additional program information, visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/regional-rail/>.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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California SmartMatch: Helping OEMs Find LA-Based Suppliers

LAEDC has launched a new supplier matchmaking service to connect OEMs with small businesses in aerospace and advanced transportation industries in Southern California. By prescreening small businesses for one-on-one meetings with OEMs, SmartMatch is helping OEMs in their stated goals of acquiring technology partners and meeting supplier diversity goals. The process is shaped by OEMs that engage with LAEDC, specific to their goals, and then LAEDC performs pre-screenings to down-select to a short list of matchmaking interviews. This is helping our OEMs add women-owned, veteran-owned, disadvantaged businesses and other small business categories to their supplier network. This assists with OEM compliance of DOD criteria for supplier diversity targets, and even OEMs not involved with DOD contracts may have diversity goals that are served by SmartMatch.

Thus far, SmartMatch has provided the following matchmaking sessions:

- Event featuring Boeing, where ten preselected small businesses met with Boeing small business liaison officers
- Event featuring Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), where seven preselected small businesses met with JPL's small business partnerships

- Event featuring Aerospace Corporation, where seven preselected small businesses met to discuss R&D opportunities

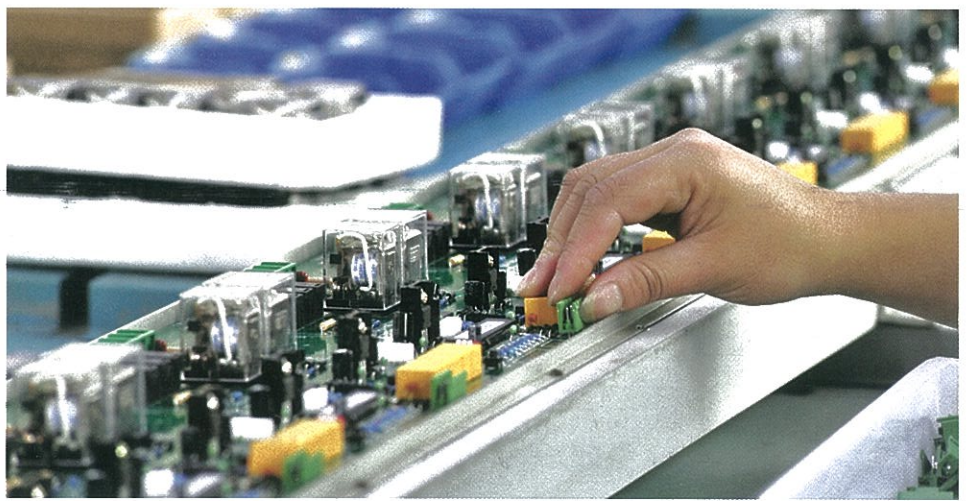
- On June 13th, LAEDC hosted a California SmartMatch event featuring Northrop

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LAEDC plans to convene SmartMatch for the electric bus OEMs located in LA County, and more information is available on the LAEDC website.

In some cases, these OEMs are requesting the entire list of businesses that responded to the call-out, so even those who weren't



down-selected will still be visible to the OEMs, which may lead to opportunities down the road as OEM requirements evolve.

SmartMatch is driven by the needs of local OEMs who seek better costs, quality, and timeliness from their suppliers. As LAEDC works to grow its local key industries, it realizes that many local small businesses hope to bid on new or upcoming platforms such as future aircraft or new vehicle technologies,

and SmartMatch helps businesses enter the discussion as proposals for those platforms are being developed.

SmartMatch helps the OEM, increases local procurement, strengthens our local industry cluster and creates more jobs in LA County and the greater region. Premium preference is provided to LAEDC members.

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