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Oppose AB 1678: A Troubling Precedent with High Risk

SBCTA has long supported expanding high-quality transit service in San Bernardino County. However, **AB 1678 (A Line – Claremontclair Authority)** raises significant legal, financial and governance concerns and sets a troubling precedent for the State to mandate that local agencies build, fund and operate specific projects regardless of locally adopted priorities or funding capacity.

Inland Action opposes this bill, which exposes SBCTA to significant and ongoing financial risk and limits the agency's ability to protect the interests of the communities and taxpayers it serves.

Notably, after more than a decade of support for the Gold Line/A Line project, SBCTA's Board of Directors recently determined that **ongoing cost escalation, repeated delays and unresolved risks** called the project's viability into question and redirected funding to a more reliable alternative. SBCTA is now advancing an enhanced Metrolink service strategy that will provide a more frequent connection using smaller, multiple-unit trains on the San Bernardino Line.

The more frequent service will serve the stations between Pomona-North, the current terminus of the A Line, and Rancho Cucamonga, the future terminus of the Brightline West high-speed rail. This approach delivers a **more integrated, practical, and cost-effective mobility solution without duplicating service in the corridor.**

AB 1678 would override this locally adopted direction and raise broader concerns about accountability and stewardship of local transportation revenues.

Support SB 1019: Cargo Theft Task Force



SB 1019 (Grove) addresses a critical issue impacting the nation's supply chain. Theft on the rail through California and in particular San Bernardino County **skyrocketed 300% since last year**. The cartels are lighting our trains on fire in an effort to stop trains impacting communities and passenger rail throughout California.

Support AB 2059: VMT Mitigation

AB 2059 (Wilson) represents a needed modernization of SB 743 to better reflect the realities of fast-growing regions like the Inland Empire. Expanding VMT mitigation caps beyond rural areas to include urban and suburban counties will provide greater flexibility to deliver essential transportation projects while still advancing environmental goals.



Other Bills of Significance

- **Support: AB 2267** (Garcia) – Bridge Suicide Prevention Standards
- **Oppose: SB 667** – RR Wayside Protector
- **Support: AB 2002** (Solache) – REAP codification