Mr. R.A. "Barney" Arnett 474 Prospect Ave. Highgrove, CA 92507

Dear Mr. Arnett,

May 28, 2001

We spoke by phone a few weeks ago, and you suggested that I write a letter to you regarding my thoughts on the proposed Metrolink Park and Ride stop in Highgrove which I was delighted to read about in your column in the Highgrove Happenings Newsletter for May.

I work in North Hollywood. My commute is as follows: I drive from my home in Grand Terrace to the Metrolink Station in Riverside (sometimes to San Bernardino). I ride to Los Angeles and then transfer to the Metro Red Line to the North Hollywood terminus where I then transfer to a bus to complete my journey. The time spent commuting is usually 2 - 2.5 hours.

A Metrolink Station in Highgrove would certainly ease my commute. I have a few suggestions regarding it:

- It should be a courtesy service extension of the Riverside and San Bernardino lines.
  That is, much like the "feeder" service to Glendale and Burbank from Los Angeles, it
  should not be a separate fee from the ticket / pass purchased to ride those lines.
- 2. Metrolink should consider working with the San Bernardino and Riverside County Transportation Authorities to market the addition as new service between the two cities. As such, I would suggest adding a station stop in the Colton shopping area too.
- 3. Service needs to be as frequent as possible; not just tied to the Inland Empire Orange County Line Schedule. A train that can shuttle in between would be ideal, perhaps running once an hour..

Done properly, this would not only be great for those of us living in the Highgrove area, but for others who live and work in the greater Riverside - San Bernardino "central" corridor.

Thank You,

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