



January 29, 2020

Sunline Transit Agency
32505 Harry Oliver Trail
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

Re: Opposition Letter - Proposed Commuter Link Route 10

Dear Sunline Transit Agency:

The City of Beaumont is writing to express strong opposition to Sunline Transit Agency's Commuter Link Route 10 as presented. The proposed route will connect passengers from the Coachella Valley area to Cal State San Bernardino's (CSUSB) main campus, with stops in Beaumont and the San Bernardino Transit Center (SBTC).

It is Beaumont's position that the Commuter Link Route 10 is a duplication of service and will adversely affect Beaumont's farebox recovery ratio of the already established service between Beaumont and SBTC via Beaumont's Commuter Link 120.

The Transportation Development Act of 1971 clearly states:

PUC §99280 – Adding or Extending Routes

“The establishment of new routes, or the extension of existing routes, outside the boundaries of an included municipal operator, but within the reserved service area, as defined in this section, shall not be permitted where the operation or establishment of such routes will compete with or divert patronage from a route of the transit district as of the date the transit district is given the notice hereinafter required.”

PUC §99281

“The transit district may operate or establish new routes or extend existing routes in all or part of the area outside a municipal operator, except where the operation or establishment of that service will compete with or divert patronage from an existing service of any included municipal operator or service in a reserved service area under Section 99280.”

Sunline's proposed Commuter Link Route 10, as identified, is already being met by Beaumont Transit, specifically from Beaumont Walmart to the SBTC. Furthermore, from SBTC, passengers can connect to the Omni Trans SBX service, which operates every 10 minutes, and brings passengers directly onto the CSUSB campus. To duplicate existing service from Beaumont to San Bernardino would be an unwarranted use of finite resources.



Conversely, there have been many conversations of a need for service from the Pass area to the Coachella Valley. The City of Beaumont proposes that Sunline utilize resources to fill an unmet need of this nature rather than duplicating and jeopardizing an already established service.

Sincerely,

Rey Santos
Mayor