

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2932

**SUPPORT OF PRIORITY TREATMENT OF METROLINK'S
RIVERSIDE LINE BY THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
COMPANY**

WHEREAS, Metrolink train service has become a valuable and effective form of transportation for thousands of Riverside County residents who commute to Los Angeles or Orange Counties; and

WHEREAS, Metrolink trains improve overall mobility by giving commuters an alternative to driving alone; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission and Metrolink lease track rights from Union Pacific Railroad for the operation of commuter rail service from Riverside to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission and Metrolink paid more than \$71 million to Union Pacific for capital improvements and operating rights to accommodate 12 daily passenger trains; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between Metrolink and Union Pacific requires that priority be given to the operation of passenger trains; and

WHEREAS, in apparent violation of the agreement, Union Pacific has given priority to its own freight operations; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County passengers routinely experience delays of more than 30 minutes during their commute; and

WHEREAS, on-time performance on the Riverside Line is the worst among the five-county Metrolink system; and

WHEREAS, on-time performance has suffered primarily because Union Pacific's insistence to value its freight customers over passenger rail users; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission and Metrolink are seeking to enhance and improve Metrolink service but are unable to do so without the cooperation of Union Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Metrolink Board of Directors recently issued a "Letter to Cure" to Union Pacific seeking an immediate improvement toward operating conditions on the Riverside Line; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of a "Letter to Cure" legally starts the clock on what could lead to a costly and time-consuming arbitration process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Perris do hereby endorse and support the efforts of the Riverside County Transportation Commission and Metrolink in continued and strengthened efforts to ensure the enforcement of priority treatment contained in the Riverside Operating Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Inland Empire's legislative delegations in Washington D.C. and Sacramento.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and **APPROVED** this 9th day of April, 2002.

Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Margaret Rey

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Margaret Rey, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 2932 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held the 9th day of April, 2002, and that it was so adopted by the following called vote:

AYES: Busch, Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers
NOES:
ABSENT: Motte
ABSTAIN:

City Clerk, Margaret Rey