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The most recent passenger traffic figures show that LA/Ontario International Airport continues to struggle, losing passengers while LAX and other regional airports are gaining. ONT passenger traffic was down over 5% in 2012, as compared to 2011.

ONT is an important asset for the City of Los Angeles, and a critical cog in the region's air transportation system. The lack of availability of ground transportation options to LA/Ontario, however, makes getting to the airport difficult and time-intensive. Currently, there is no bus, tram, or connection offered between LA/Ontario International Airport and the Metrolink system.

A direct Metrolink connection to LA/Ontario airport would link Santa Barbara, Palmdale, Ontario, and Palm Springs to the regional transportation network. It would allow international passengers to fly through Ontario and get to Downtown Los Angeles in 20 minutes, as compared to a 40-minute commute to LAX.

I THEREFORE MOVE the City Council request that the Mayor's office and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) work with Metrolink to consider options for connecting LA/Ontario International Airport directly to the Metrolink system, and report to the Trade, Commerce, and Tourism Committee with recommendations for moving forward on such a connection.

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