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### **Citrus College Embraces “Brain Train”**

#### ***Superintendent/President Projects Gold Line’s Impact***

**Glendora, CA** – On October 14, Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Superintendent/President of Citrus College, participated on the Gold Line State of the Project 2016 panel, *The Brain Train’s Influence on Higher Education*. Additional panel members included representatives from the Claremont University Consortium, the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, and Cal Poly Pomona.

The Gold Line is a 31-mile light rail line running from Azusa to east Los Angeles. During her presentation, Dr. Perri highlighted the light rail’s benefits of providing fast, easy and convenient access so that the educational goals of students can be met more easily. “I was pleased to have the opportunity to speak about the impact of the Gold Line on Citrus College and to learn from my distinguished colleagues about the ‘brain train’s’ influence on their institutions.”

Recognizing that light rail transportation would provide a gateway to opportunity for district communities from Monrovia to Claremont, Citrus College leaders have advocated for the completion of the Gold Line for more than a decade. “With the recent opening of the APU/Citrus College station, we anticipate a significant increase in the number of students and visitors to our busy campus,” said Dr. Perri.

The panelists also addressed the environmental outcomes of the Gold Line. “Along with student success and completion, a key focus of Citrus College is fostering sustainability,” said Dr. Perri. “Consider the benefits of large numbers of students riding to Citrus College from cities across the Foothill Corridor – a reduction in carbon emissions, less traffic on freeways and streets and a lower demand for campus parking.”

Dr. Perri closed with an optimistic outlook for current and future Citrus College students. “I can only imagine the tremendous success they will experience when they board the ‘brain train.’”



Citrus College congressional representatives join Dr. Geraldine M. Perri at the Foothill Gold Line State of the Project 2016. Pictured l-r: Rep. Grace Napolitano, (CA-32), Rep. Norma Torres (CA-35), Dr. Perri, and Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27).