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Board Report

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**OPERATIONS, SAFETY AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE
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**Motion by:
HAHN, SOLIS, BUTTS & KREKORIAN**

A recent investigative report on KCBS revealed that 52 of Metro's oldest buses run on diesel fuel and operate in the South Bay. The report revealed that seven of these buses have caught on fire in the past several years, one as recently as this past August, and according to the news report, bus drivers reported additional problems. These old buses are operated under a contract with MV Transportation, a private transportation company.

We are concerned about the safety of the drivers and the passengers who travel on these buses regularly. While Metro has indicated they plan to replace these buses by summer of 2019, they should be replaced sooner than that. We also would like a full investigation of the incidents whereby the buses caught fire, an explanation as to why our Board was not informed of them and a full review of Metro's contract with MV Transportation.

SUBJECT: BURNING BUS MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Motion by Hahn, Solis, Butts & Krekorian that the Board direct the CEO to:

- A. Expedite the replacement of all 52 diesel buses operating in the South Bay region ahead of Metro's current schedule, to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers;
- B. Fully investigate the circumstances surrounding the incidents whereby 7 of these buses caught fire, how driver complaints about safety issues were handled and an explanation as to why the Board was not informed of these incidents;
- C. Conduct a full review of Metro's contract with MV Transportation, including maintenance, quality control and driver safety issues; and

- D. Conduct a full review of Metro's practice of contracting bus services out, and advise as to the feasibility of Metro directly providing bus services instead of through contractors.

FURTHER MOVE that the CEO provide a comprehensive report within 30 days that addresses the fore-mentioned directives.