



Board Report

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Motion by:

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Related to Item 26: Transit Law Enforcement Services

Metro’s efforts to reimagine public safety requires the expertise of its riders. Members of the newly formed Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) will provide their time in meetings and reflection outside of meetings to make recommendations about the future of public safety. Metro should ensure that members of this committee are appropriately compensated for their time, as it should with other areas of expertise.

Related to discussions on whether to amend Metro’s existing Transit Law Enforcement Services contract, the Chief Executive Officer has recommended that even greater expectation be placed on PSAC members to meet over the next six months and present a set of recommendations on Transit Law Enforcement Services. The justification for compensation and appropriate resourcing is stronger than ever. We stress the urgency of this action, as PSAC intends to hold its first meeting in April 2021.

Moreover, PSAC is but one of many advisory committees that Metro convenes to seek expertise from its ridership and broader community. Compensating advisory committee members - in some way - means that more people can participate, including people who are most reliant on Metro services. This aligns with Metro’s efforts to fix racial and income inequities across the region. Metro must prioritize compensating expertise across the Agency, in accordance with its values. For these reasons, Metro should take a broader reevaluation of if and how advisory committees should be compensated, including but not limited to stipends, reimbursements, and other potential forms of compensation.

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO TRANSIT LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Report to the Operations Committee in April 2021 on a plan to reasonably compensate members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, including but not limited to options for stipend,

reimbursement, and other forms of compensation;

B. Report to the Board in June 2021 with a review of compensation for Metro's advisory committees and a policy for the reasonable compensation of their members; and

C. Include in each monthly Transit Public Safety report updates on the progress and activities of the Public Safety Advisory Committee