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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THROUGH: PHILLIP A. WASHINGTON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**FROM: THERESE W. McMILLAN
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**SUBJECT: METRO BLUE LINE STATION AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS
RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION**

ISSUE

At the May 26, 2016 meeting, the Board approved a motion directing that the Chief Executive Officer report back with an update on Blue Line Safety and State of Good Repair Capital projects and enhancement efforts which included an update on the artwork along the Blue Line (Attachment A). This report provides the requested status on the artwork.

DISCUSSION

The artworks along the Blue Line are now approaching their 25th year and like other assets in the Metro system are subject to wear and tear of time and use, the marine environment and ultraviolet (UV) sun quotient. With the Blue Line Refurbishment project, some of the artworks were removed. Through the FY 16 Capital budget, funding to reinstall these artworks has been secured. In addition to these capital projects, the FY 17 budget includes funding to inspect artworks at five Blue Line stations and to identify any necessary actions necessary to bring them into a State of Good Repair. Staff is also preparing to submit a request for the FY 18 Capital budget to repair the artwork in the Blue Line tunnel. Attachment B identifies the current and future State of Good Repair Capital projects.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to manage the implementation of currently resourced Metro Blue Line art conservation and refurbishments and will provide an annual report on the state of Metro's public artworks in February 2017 as directed by the Board.

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Board Report

File #:2016-0487, **File Type:**Motion / Motion Response

Agenda Number:

**MAY 26, 2016
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Motion by:

Garcetti, Knabe, DuBois and Dupont-Walker

May 26, 2016

**Relating to Item 30; File ID 2016-0357
Blue Line Station & Security Enhancements**

Safety and security will continue to be a top MTA priority in the development of rail projects across Los Angeles County.

The MTA CEO has prioritized safety and security reinvestments along all our existing MTA rail lines throughout the County.

For example, MTA is working on making major investments on the Blue Line to improve safety and security measures, along with State of Good Repair capital improvements. Once complete, close to \$300 million (not including rail vehicles) will be invested in the Blue Line.

A recent study issued by the University of California Berkeley (Grading California's Rail Station Areas , October 2015) ranked and graded rail stations from six cities in California for accessibility, connections to housing, walkability, and safety.

The study ranked the Blue Line Wardlow Station as one of the worst stations in Los Angeles County and in the State of California.

The Wardlow Station area is generally auto-dominated and lacks the concentrations of jobs or housing. Additionally, the rail crossing is complex and the parking lots are without significant pedestrian activity.

Better station area development can improve and address the environmental and quality-of-life needs surrounding the station.

Additionally, due to the current station configuration, improvements to the rail crossing intersection are warranted.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board direct the CEO to report back on the following:

- A. Provide an update at the June 2016 MTA Board meeting on all Blue Line Safety and Security and State of Good Repair capital projects and enhancement efforts, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Grade crossing gates
 - 2. Pedestrian safety gates
 - 3. Fare enforcement and security
 - 4. Station maintenance
 - 5. Station fare gate installation
- B. Initiate a feasibility study to improve safety and security for the Blue Line Wardlow Station and a pilot fare gate program at 4 (four) downtown Long Beach stations.
- C. Prioritize the Wardlow Grade Separation project to receive new funding and/or grants and assign this project to be included in MTA's State of Good Repair, Safety Improvements, and Aging Infrastructure program.
- D. Include the Wardlow Station as part of MTA's "Transit Oriented Communities" pilot projects.
- E. Identify Transit Oriented Development and other land use and development opportunities to maximize the use of Wardlow Station.
- F. Provide a response and report back on items B through E at the August 2016 MTA Board meeting.

AMENDMENT by Fasana to include the artwork along the Blue Line.

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ATTACHMENT B

Metro Blue Line Current and Planned Capital Projects (Artwork)

Current

Artwork Refurbishment at three stations (Grand, 103 rd /Watts Towers, 5 th Street)	Funds secured through the FY 16 Capital budget. Scope in development to refurbish artwork at these three stations with contracts scheduled for award Fall 2016
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Planned

Refurbish Tunnel Artwork and Develop Art Asset Management Plan	Capital Project – funds will be requested in the FY 17 Capital budget to refurbish 25+ year old artwork that is no longer functioning.
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