



Metro

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

PSAC Feedback to Metro Initiatives

May 4, 2023

Metro's Public Safety Department Feasibility Study

- Concerns expressed over resource allocations when restricted to an in-house safety department.
- PSAC expressed preference of a 'public safety department' as opposed to a 'police department'.
- Suggestion for community oversight as an accountability piece to implementation.

Metro's Safety Initiatives for People with Disabilities

- Desire to see more emphasis on developmental disability and mental illness training for Metro security officers and Metro Ambassadors.
- Desire to establish strong working relationships with AAC to identify safety concerns specific to people with disabilities.

PSAC Feedback

June 1, 2023

Metro's Homeless Initiatives

- Excitement about Metro's approach to homelessness and appreciation for the update as well as concerns about loss of property during encampment clean-ups.
- Members had questions about services provided across jurisdictional boundaries as well as what happens when unhoused riders refuse services.

Metro's Westlake/MacArthur Park Station Interventions (Update)

- Recommendation that Metro staff ensure that ADA accessibility is maintained as the station access has been rearranged.
- Positive responses to the pilot program's improved lighting and partnership with PATH.
- One concern was raised over the arrest statistics published for the Westlake/MacArthur Park Station, showing that 20 out of 25 arrests at this station during the month of February 2023, were of Black men.

PSAC Feedback

June 1, 2023 Continued

Metro's Drug-Free Campaign, 90-Day Report Back

- Gratitude expressed towards SSLE from an ex-officio member who works as a supervisor and understands the daily safety risks to bus operators.
- Recommendation that SSLE utilize the health van deployed at Westlake/MacArthur Park as a resource at other high-priority stations.
- PSAC members approved a motion to extend an invitation to LAPD partners to share their experience with this effort and the drug diversion program.

PSAC Feedback

July 6, 2023

Metro's Public Safety Department Feasibility Study (Next Steps)

- Recommendation that SLLE reference the CX Survey results as community guidance.
- Recommendation that Metro establish an oversight committee for the law enforcement component of the Public Safety Department.
- Recommendation that SSLE ensure feedback from people with physical and developmental disabilities in the formation of the department.

PSAC Listening Session

- Metro partner with existing community events for community input.
- Suggestion that school districts and community colleges be invited to the PSAC Listening Session so that student voices and experiences are heard.
- Hosting the PSAC Listening Session within an Equity Focused Community (EFC) ensuring that those with limited mobility options can attend in person.

Upcoming Topics

August 2023 & Upcoming Agenda Priorities

- Station Interventions: Westlake/MacArthur Park
- Transit Community Safety Department
- Metro Bus Riding Teams
- PSAC Listening Session
- Metro Ambassadors
- Metro Crisis Response Teams



Thank You



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