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Item 30: 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.

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