



Metro

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Motion by:

DIRECTORS HAHN, MITCHELL, NAJARIAN, DUPONT-WALKER, AND HORVATH

Metro Bus Shelters Motion

The overwhelming majority of transit riders taking Metro depend on buses for their travel. In the final three months of 2022, Metro buses handled a weekday average of approximately 646,000 boardings every day. Metro operates more than 110 bus routes and serves over 12,000 bus stops, owned by 63 jurisdictions.

As part of Metro's "Shade for All" effort in its 2022 Customer Experience Plan, Metro estimates that only 24% of bus stops served by Metro buses and other municipal transit operators have shelters, and only 46% have seating, which exacerbates conditions for people with limited mobility and older adults. Moreover, in the summer most of Metro's bus stops are located in areas where temperatures average 97 degrees in the middle of the day, and a shade structure could lower that temperature by 25 to 40 degrees. Additionally, at night, many bus stops lack lighting that make transit riders feel safer and more visible.

Bus shelters are almost always the responsibility of the local jurisdiction in which they are located. Several cities have invested heavily in providing shelters to support transit riders, but more can be done. Each city in LA County receives a local return from LA County's Propositions A and C and Measures R and M, which helps fund things like bus shelters, benches, and other local transit needs.

Metro has committed to providing technical assistance to cities, which is a step in the right direction. However, in many cases, cities may still not recognize the need, or may face other constraints. In these circumstances, Metro can provide its data and expertise to alleviate this glaring challenge across the Metro system. Metro can also help local jurisdictions with scarce resources deliver bus stop improvements.

SUBJECT: METRO BUS SHELTERS MOTION**RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE Motion by Directors Hahn, Mitchell, Najarian, Dupont-Walker, and Horvath that the Board

direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Identify priority bus stops within each local jurisdiction based upon data, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Ridership per line and stop;
 - 2. Existing bus stop amenities such as seating, shelters, and lighting
 - 3. Heat island index
 - 4. EFCs
 - 5. Safety related incidents over the last three year
- B. Share all available bus stop data with each applicable jurisdiction;
- C. Inventory transportation funding sources which can be leveraged to help local jurisdictions deliver bus stop improvements, including Metro-controlled and pass-through sources as well as both formula and competitive programs;
- D. Recommend technical, financial, and other ways for Metro to support bus stop improvements by local jurisdictions, prioritizing such improvements in Equity Focus Communities;
- E. In consultation with jurisdictions, host a bus stop summit to review the state of bus shelters, including examples of best practices and a vendor showcase;
- F. As part of the annual local return audit, report on the progress of installing and maintaining bus stop amenities by jurisdiction; and
- G. Report back on the above action items in 120 days.