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Board Report

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25, 2024**

Motion by:

DIRECTORS BARGER, KREKORIAN, HAHN, NAJARIAN, BUTTS, AND SOLIS

Related to Item 34: Bus Operator Retrofit Barriers

SUBJECT: IMPROVING SAFETY FOR METRO RIDERS & EMPLOYEES MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Motion by Directors Barger, Krekorian, Hahn, Najarian, Butts, and Solis directing the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the board in 60 days on:

- A. A preliminary investigation into fare gate hardening at our heavy and light rail stations, including identification of resources required, opportunities, and challenges associated with such an effort;
- B. An update on implementation of latching faregates upon exit, including the proposed pilots of this technology at both North Hollywood and Union Stations;
- C. An update on the proposed pilot interventions at Lake Ave, Hollywood/Highland, Downtown Santa Monica, and Norwalk stations, as highlighted in January's file#: 2023-0539;
- D. Data collected on violent crimes committed over the past twelve months on the LA Metro system and any correlation found with an inability of the perpetrator to demonstrate a paid fare;
- E. Data on outcomes of arrests for crimes against persons on the LA Metro system over the past twelve months, and instances of reoffending on the system;
- F. Any current or recent legislative efforts to strengthen penalties for violent crimes against transit employees.

HAHN AMENDMENT: report back to include recommendations for ways we can keep weapons off our system, including lessons learned from peer transit agencies.

SOLIS AMENDMENT: report back to include how activating our stations, including adding kiosks and

prioritize care first station design improvements, could improve safety and provide jobs to at-risk individuals.

KREKORIAN AMENDMENT:

- A. Report back to include recommendations to create holistic and reciprocal communication among Metro, local law enforcement agencies (beyond our contracted partners), the District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, and local court systems to create effective protocol concerning Be on the Lookout "BOLO" notices and Stay Away Orders; and
- B. Recommendations for upgrades to the CCTV system on bus and rail facilities to support artificial intelligence and biometric technology to identify those individuals who are known repeat violent offenders, repeat disruptors to operations or individuals banned from the system by court order.

BUTTS AMENDMENT: report back to include staff's research on current applications of millimeter wave scanners combined with video cameras and artificial intelligence and facial recognition technology that can be installed on train platforms and trains/buses with a feed into command/dispatch centers.