

# Transit Law Enforcement Services

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# Public Safety Mission Statement and Values

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*“Metro safeguards the transit community by taking a holistic, equitable and welcoming approach to public safety. Metro recognizes that each individual is entitled to a safe, dignified and human experience.”*

- > Implementing a **human-centered approach**
- > Emphasizing **compassion** and a **culture of care**
- > Recognizing **diversity**
- > Acknowledging **context**
- > Committing to **openness** and **accountability**

*Board adopted 12/2/21*



# Reimagined Public Safety Direction

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## Current Model

- Prescriptive and Fixed
- Inconsistent Rule Compliance
- Reactive Response
- Obscure Data & Outcomes
- Enforcement-Focused through a singular tactical response (“one size fits all”)
- Siloed

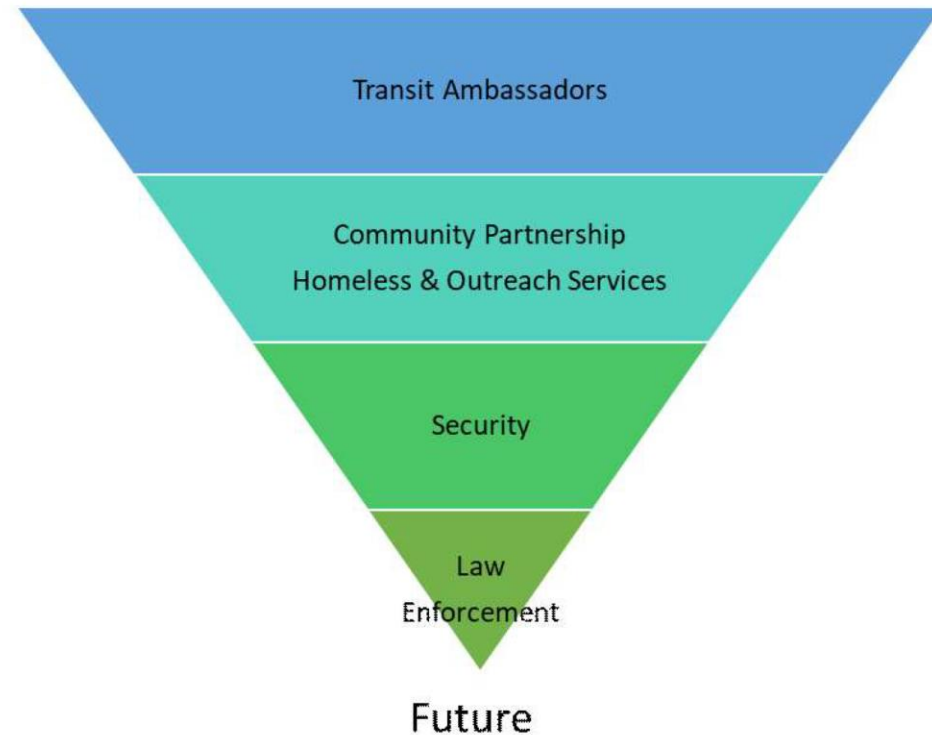


# Reimagined Public Safety Direction

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## **New Model**

- Data-Driven and Flexible
- Equitable Rule Compliance
- Proactive Response
- Transparent Outcomes
- Strategic Enforcement through analytics-led safety & security using a layered approach
- Collaborative



# Law Enforcement Services RFP

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- Five proposals (four multi-agency and one systemwide) were received in response to the RFP
- BAFO Results:
  - Two agencies took material exceptions to the scope of services and terms and conditions
    - RE: oversight, accountability, and control of deployment
  - Systemwide proposal for coverage was withdrawn
- Under a multi-agency approach to policing, material exceptions by any one proposer would result in law enforcement services that fail to meet Metro's overall system needs as specified in the RFP
- RFP States that Proposers must comply with all material aspects of the RFP

# Extensions of Existing Contracts

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- All current law enforcement partners have executed the latest contract modification which includes Board directed revisions to the scope of work (i.e. comply with principles of 8 Can't Wait)
- Metro's law enforcement partners, complemented by robust alternative deployment solutions, are an important part of ensuring Metro riders and employees are – and feel – safe on the system.
- Extensions require negotiations of rates and deployment with the Long Beach Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

# In-House Transit Police Department

Transit Agency	Unlinked Passenger Trips* 2019 (Thousands)	Has Transit PD
1) Metropolitan Transit Authority – New York City (NYCT)	3,451,139	✓ - hybrid
2) Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)	455,743	no
3) Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)	366,716	✓
4) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	354,656	✓
5) Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	308,266	✓
6) New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT)	267,270	✓
7) San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni)	223,338	no
8) King County Metro Transit (KCMT)	128,666	✓
9) San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)	128,217	✓
10) Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)	117,759	✓

8 of the 10 Largest US Transit Agencies have a Transit Police Department.

# Potential Benefits of In-House Transit PD

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- Accountability: A greater degree of oversight, control, and accountability over the deployment and budgeting of resources
- Culture of Service & Visibility: Emphasizes engaged visibility vs. response to calls
- Hiring to Meet Metro's Public Safety Values: Allow the hiring of officers that meet the service mission of the Agency
- Deployment Where It's Needed the Most: More autonomy over deployment strategies



# Staff Recommendation

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- A. AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute contract modifications to extend the current multi-agency transit law enforcement contracts annually for up to three additional years, through June 30, 2026, utilizing funds to be requested during future fiscal years' budget processes, contingent on compliance with the principles of Metro's Bias-Free Policing Policy and the Public Safety Analytics Policy; and
- B. REPORT back to the Board in April 2023 on the feasibility of establishing an in-house Metro Transit Police Department to support Metro's Public Safety Mission and Value Statements.

Thank You

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