



Board Report

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Motion by:

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

End of Line Policy and Unhoused Riders Motion

Each night, Metro requires all passengers to disembark at the end of every line once the train goes out of service to ensure that the trains are returned to the railyard properly for cleaning. For example, between midnight and 1AM in downtown Long Beach, four A Line trains go out of service, each in turn requiring that all remaining passengers exit the train so it can return to the rail yard empty of any non-Metro personnel.

While this policy makes sense for purposes of cleaning the trains before they return to service each morning, it also results in kicking unhoused riders off the train and onto city streets at an hour when housing and services are generally not available to assist these individuals. As a result, the Long Beach City Council recently submitted a letter to the Metro CEO requesting an evaluation of this long-standing policy and its impact to cities like Long Beach that have a station that is the end of a Metro rail line.

In order to best address the concerns that cities have regarding this end of the line policy, this Board also needs a clear-eyed look at just how many unhoused riders Metro serves every day, on what lines, times of day, and in what communities.

SUBJECT: END OF LINE POLICY AND UNHOUSED RIDERS MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Motion by Directors Hahn, Najarian, Solis, Barger, Dutra, and Krekorian that the Chief Executive Officer:

- A. Evaluate Metro's end of the line policy and its impacts on communities that have a station that is the end of a Metro rail line;
- B. Conduct a thorough evaluation of the unhoused populations exiting trains at night and boarding trains in the morning at the ends of rail lines, to better understand the impact of the end

of line policy and to inform future resource deployment;

- C. Coordinate with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for its annual Point-In-Time Count, to determine the numbers of unhoused riders on Metro's bus and rail system; and
- D. Report back on the above three directives no later than January 2023 with recommendations for what we can do differently.