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# Advocates Urge Metro to Reimagine Public Safety Starting at Tomorrow's Board Meeting

By Joe Linton | Jun 24, 2020 | 1 COMMENT

## TELL THE METRO BOARD:

**It is time to reimagine public safety on Metro.**

**Transit riders want unarmed alternatives to police.**

**Shift resources away from police and invest in transit ambassadors, social workers and service improvements.**



ACT-LA wants you to weigh in on reimagining Metro transit safety



The [Alliance for Community Transit \(ACT-LA\)](#) has posted an emergency email alert asking the public to email the Metro board in support of motions that would shift transit security resources away from police to unarmed responses. ACT-LA are “calling on Metro to divest from its police budget and reinvest funds into our communities through free fares, improved bus infrastructure and service, and neighborhood stability programs.”



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TOMORROW! [@metrolosangeles](#) is voting on creating an advisory committee to reshape the scope of its policing budget & reallocate police funds to invest in alternative community safety measure. Follow link to TAKE ACTION: [bit.ly/METROACTION](https://bit.ly/METROACTION) [#DefundThePolice](#) [#PeoplesTransit](#)



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The Metro board will meet tomorrow starting at 10 a.m. The [meeting agenda](#) includes [four motions](#) aimed at retooling Metro's problematic current transit safety approach. Three of the four were authored by Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, who stated that "Metro needs to be at the forefront of that, and make changes that assure that all of its passengers feel safe. That starts by acknowledging that we cannot rely on an armed police presence for every issue, and we need smarter, more effective solutions."

[In an editorial last week](#) at Streetsblog, ACT-LA explored some of the alternatives to having police enforce situations like homelessness. ACT-LA wrote:

Spending nearly a billion dollars on policing has come at the [expense of transit infrastructure and service improvements](#), but more importantly, youth, Black and Latinx riders who make up Metro's core riders have reported feeling less safe and secure due to increased police. Greater police presence on Metro has resulted in [racial profiling](#), criminalization of poverty and often makes [transit riders of color feel uneasy](#).



Read the [full editorial](#), and see [ACT-LA's alert for ways that you can weigh in on Metro reimagining transit safety](#).



Metro safety infographic via ACT-LA

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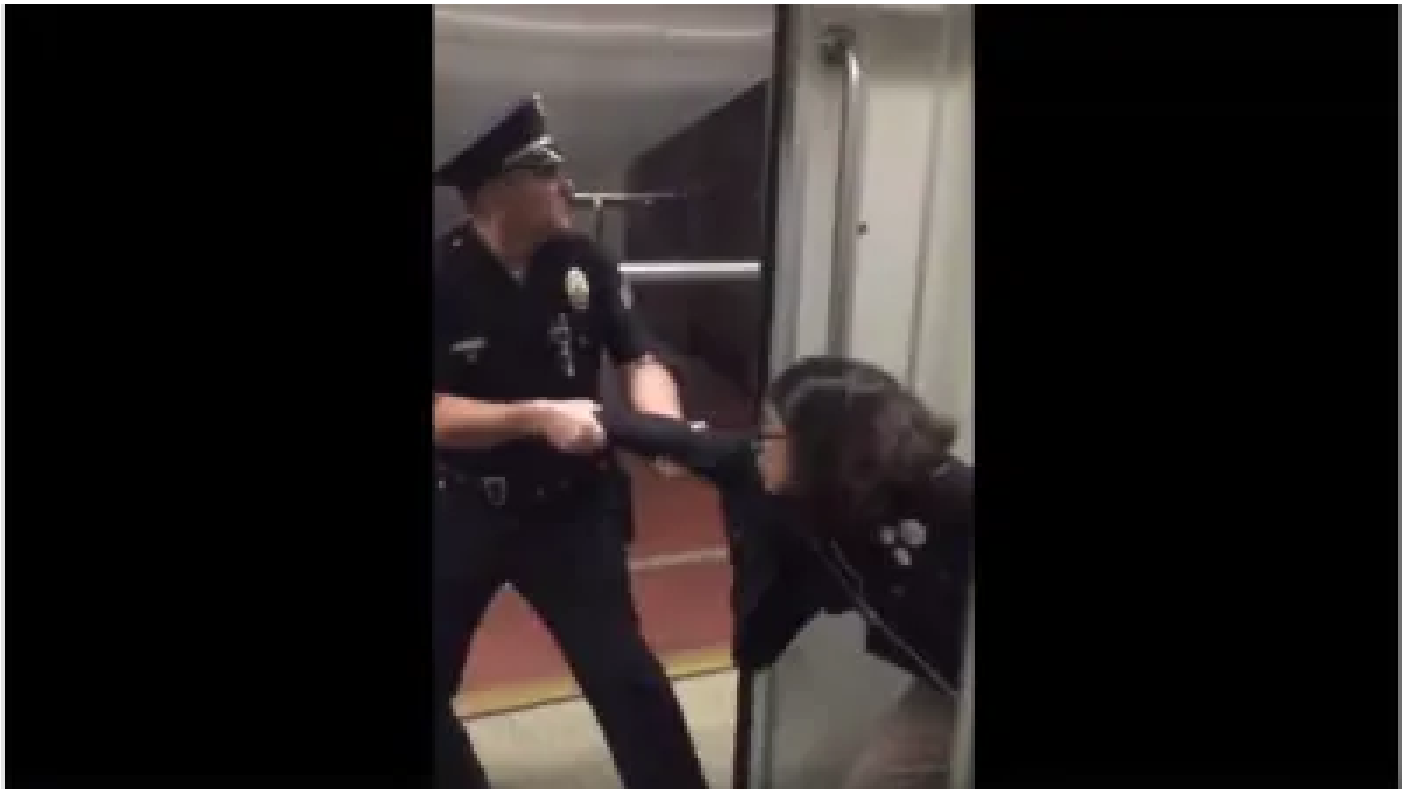




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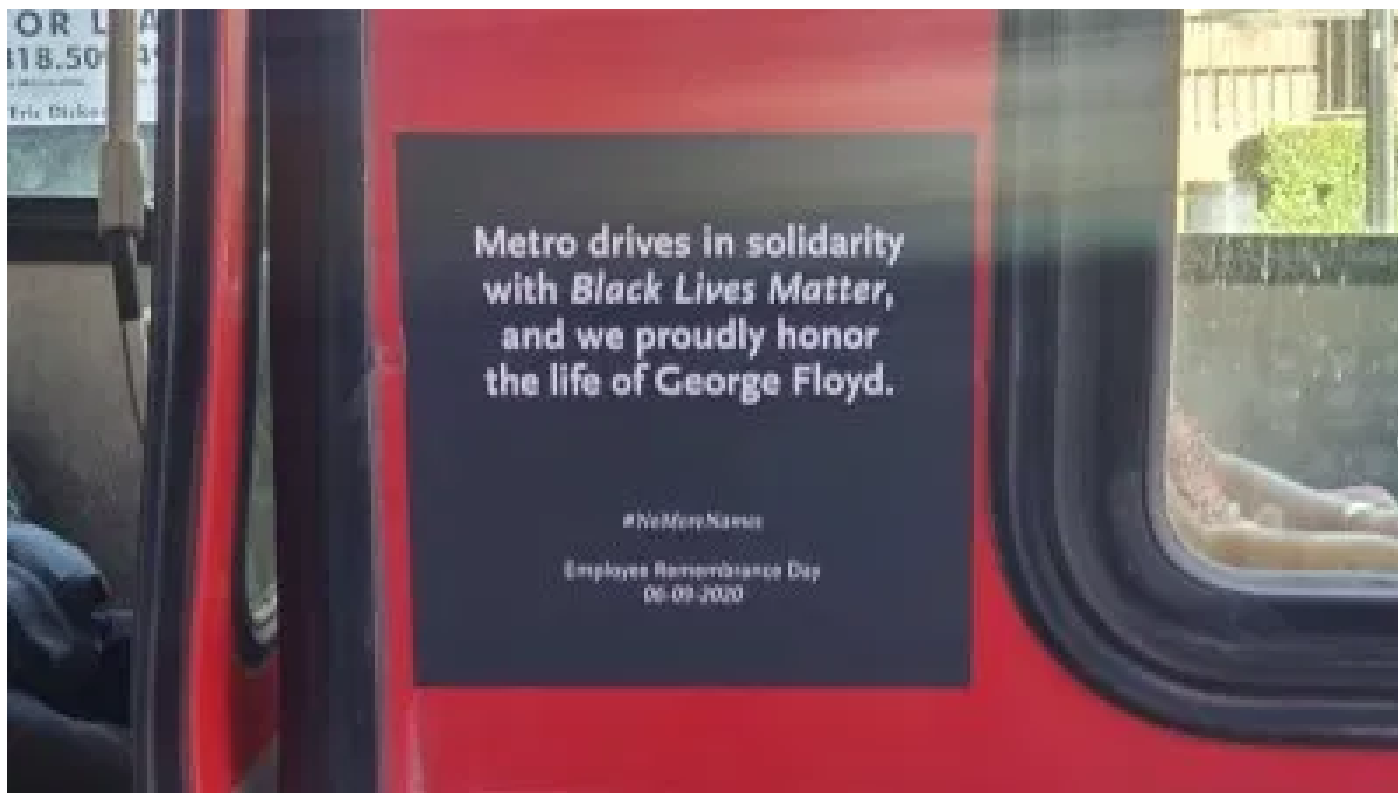
Boardmember Mike Bonin says Metro "cannot rely on an armed police presence for every issue, and we need smarter, more effective solutions"



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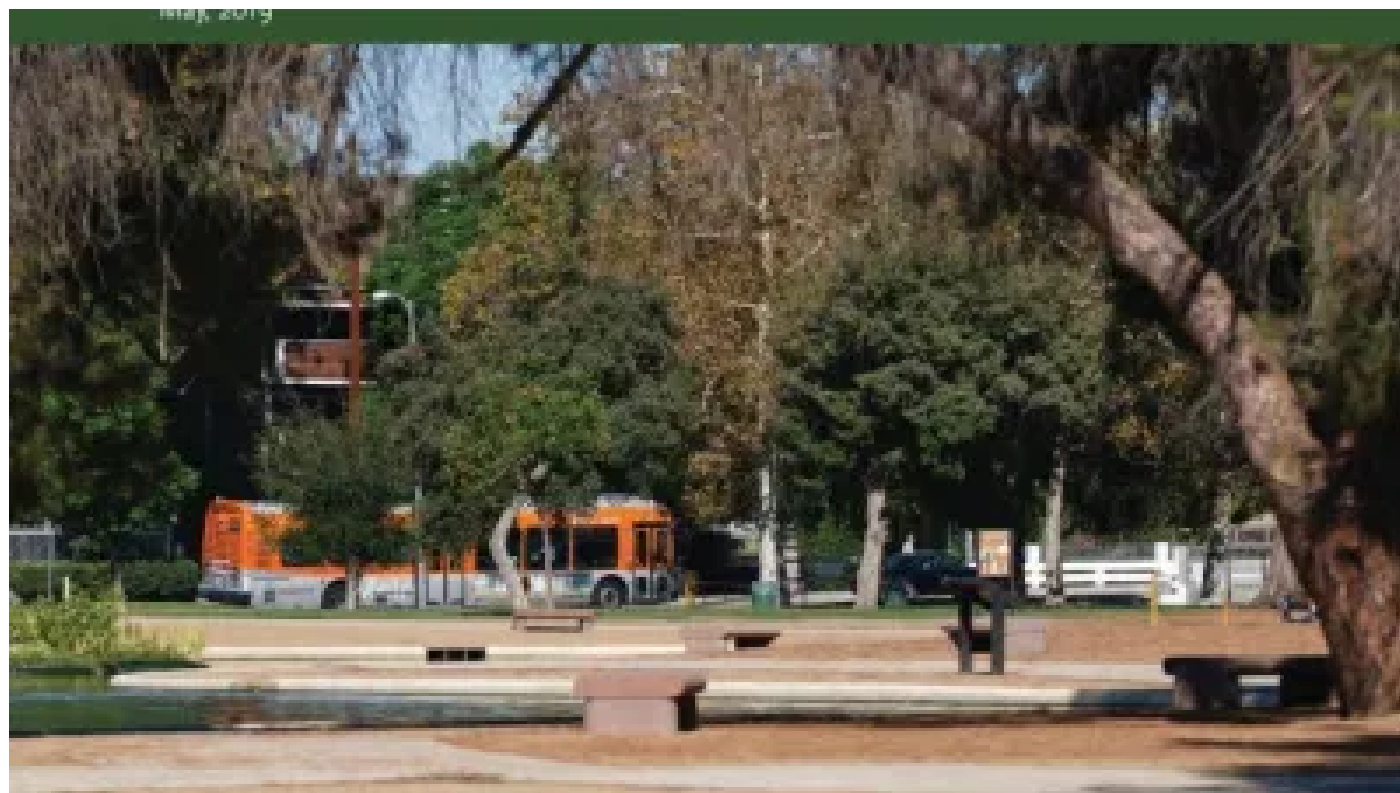
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**Jack** • a month ago

No one respects these transit ambassadors. If they try to enforce anything, they will likely just be met by a raised middle finger and a “F Off”. They’ll end up being scared to do anything and will just be around to collect a check and those nice govt benefits. Women are constantly sexually harassed on Metro and everyone just sits there like a dolt, because they fear getting their throat slit by some gangbanger.

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