



Board Report

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Motion by:

GARCIA AND HAHN

Adaptive Reuse of Light Rail Vehicle 100

The Metro Blue Line (Line A) is anticipated to fully reopen by late October 2019, after a nine-month closure on what is Los Angeles County's oldest and most heavily-used light-rail transit line, with more than 20 million passenger boardings every year.

On July 14, 2020, the Blue Line will celebrate its 30-year anniversary. Since it first opened, this line has provided a direct connection between downtown Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles, including the communities of Compton, Watts, and South LA along its 22-mile length.

The Blue Line's first vehicle-Metro's first light-rail vehicle ever placed into service-is Car 100, which was named after the City of Long Beach. At the request of the Metro Board (September 2017), and through collaborative efforts of Metro and City of Long Beach staff, Car 100 has been preserved and will soon be permanently placed on the Promenade, just steps from the Blue Line's Downtown Long Beach Station. The vehicle's installation will be an important and visible showcase of our region's rich transit history.

While the process for Car 100's permanent placement is effectively complete, the City of Long Beach is now developing plans for Car 100's adaptive reuse, with the intention of best highlighting the Blue Line's role in LA County's rail transit resurgence. Ideas under consideration for Car 100's adaptive reuse include a transit history museum, a café/coffee shop, or a performance venue. All of these uses will require further planning, collaboration, and resources to ensure the most successful outcome. The City aims to adaptively reuse Car 100 in a manner fitting of its place in our region's history, which will attract residents and visitors alike for decades to come and showcase the importance of transit to LA County and to the City of Long Beach.

SUBJECT: ADAPTIVE REUSE OF LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE 100

APPROVE Motion by Garcia and Hahn that the CEO:

- A. Direct Metro staff to contact City of Long Beach staff regarding the City's plans to adaptively reuse Car 100, and
- B. Report back to the Metro Board of Directors during the November 2019 board cycle with a

strategy on how best to support Long Beach's efforts to adaptively reuse Car 100, in a manner and timeline that aligns with the 30th Anniversary of the Metro Blue Line's opening and that will raise the profile of Car 100 as a resource and destination for our community and many visitors.