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THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL PATROL THE METRO RED LINE AND METRO BUSES BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOV. 23

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), under contract to the MTA, will patrol the Metro Red Line subway system and Metro Buses operating within the City of Los Angeles beginning Sunday, November 23.

The MTA Board of Directors approved the contract with the LAPD in late October. The contract calls for the LAPD to assume control and policing responsibilities for the Metro Red Line and Metro Buses as well as all municipal and contract bus operators providing service within the city's boundaries.

"This agreement with the Los Angeles Police Department will provide Angelenos with a unified approach to safety, emergency services, and crime fighting," said Los Angeles Mayor and MTA Board Chairman Richard J. Riordan. "LAPD officers will be dedicated to providing the best possible protection to both Metro bus and rail passengers."

The contract provides funding for up to 208 officers who will be dedicated to policing about 60 percent of the MTA's service.

"By combining the prior MTA expertise and experience with the law enforcement experience of the LAPD, we will be able to provide the citizens of Los Angeles with the highest quality of police services," said Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard Parks.

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Under the program, overlapping administrative costs will be eliminated. The new program also calls for placing civilian fare inspectors on Metro Red Line trains, who will work in teams to check fares and provide passenger services.

The cost of the transit policing contract between the MTA and the LAPD through the remainder of the fiscal year is approximately \$13.7 million.

Citizens wanting to report an incident can call the LAPD's Transportation Bureau at (213) 922-5100. For emergencies, the public is reminded to use the emergency 911 number.

A similar transfer of MTA Transit Police Officers to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department occurred earlier this month. The Sheriff's Department is responsible for patrolling the Metro Blue and Green Lines and Metro Buses traveling within the County of Los Angeles.

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