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Operator Armen Davtian's suggestion led to installation of reflective markers in the vault house lanes at Division 15.



Operator's Request Improves Division 15 Vault House Safety

By Lorene Kelley

(March 29, 2007) When it comes to safety, East Valley Division 15 takes it seriously.

When Armen Davtian, a part-time operator, requested more lighting at night around the division vault houses, the Maintenance Department came up with the idea of using reflective devices.

The devices, of a type used to mark lanes on freeways, are intended to illuminate the driveway between the vault houses to reduce the hazard of hitting the curbs. Buses returning from their routes must stop at the vault houses so Revenue employees can service the fare boxes.



Raised reflective markers like this are often seen on California freeways to define traffic lanes.

The white side of the device, which is embedded in the driveway, reflects headlights from a bus entering the division to guide the operator into the vault house lane. The red side of the reflective marker warns drivers exiting the division yard not to enter the lane between the vault houses.

Division 15 management and staff have found other ways to improve safety. The division is now equipped with four security cameras to observe the employee parking lots and the maintenance yard.

Employees who have ideas to improve safety in the workplace should

submit them to Metro Headquarters managers or operating division managers, division Instruction staff or to the Corporate Safety Department.

Editor’s Note: Lorene Kelley is assistant transportation manager at East Valley Division 15. A version of this article originally appeared in the Division 15 Safety Newsletter for March.

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