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## LAPD TO POLICE METRO SYSTEM AFTER MTA BOARD APPROVES CONTRACT

The MTA Board of Directors today approved by a vote of 10 to 2 a contract with the Los Angeles Police Department for policing services on 60 percent of the MTA's service area.

The actual contract will go into effect November 23 and calls for the LAPD to assume control and responsibilities for all Metro Red Line and Metro Bus services provided within the city's boundaries. The contract provides funding for up to 208 officers who will police public transit buses, including Metro Buses and the Metro Red Line operating in the city of Los Angeles.

"Today's vote marks the culmination of months of negotiations to maximize police services on our transportation system," said Los Angeles Mayor and MTA Board Chairman Richard J. Riordan. "Now the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department will provide citizens with a unified approach to crime fighting and emergency services. Criminals know no bounds in committing crimes, and thanks to this contract, our police force will be able to cross jurisdictional boundaries to fight crime and protect the public. That's good news for all Angelenos."

Beginning November 2, the Sheriff's department will patrol Metro Buses within its jurisdiction, the light rail Blue and Green lines and the buses of 17 other municipal and contract operators.

Some 150 sheriff's deputies and officers have been assigned to patrol the Metro System, along with uniformed civilian fare inspectors who will work on Metro Rail. Approximately 100 MTA Transit Police officers, who formerly patrolled buses and trains, will perform these services for the sheriff's department.

The transit policing contract between the MTA and the LAPD through the remainder of the year is approximately \$14.5 million.

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