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## **Metro Receives \$16.1 Million in Prop 1B Transit Security Funding**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) received \$16.1 million today from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security as part of the yearly funding for transit security contained within the Proposition 1B bonding measure approved by the voters in November 2006.

"Commuters should never have to fear for their safety while traveling to work or trying to get home each day," said Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "This funding will be a key component in ensuring safe commutes for local residents and making Metro a model for transit security nationwide."

The transit security funding will be used towards implementation of a gating system on the Metro Red and Purple Lines as well as selected light rail stations.

A total of 379 fare gates will be installed and security at the stations will be augmented as part of the gating program. Once in place, within the next 18 to 24 months, the gates are expected to reduce the need for civilian fare inspectors and sworn law enforcement will also be freed of fare checking responsibilities at gated stations, allowing them to focus primarily on station security.

Also receiving approximately \$1.3 million in Prop 1B security funding were various other municipal transit operators that included Long Beach Transit, Foothill Transit, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, Torrance Transit, Antelope Valley Transit and the City of Gardena and Culver City.

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