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## **Metro Increasing Security Presence on System Following Potential Threat** *Law enforcement evaluating validity of threat*

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has increased its security presence across the whole Metro system following information received about a potential threat to the transit system. The information was received through an anonymous tip earlier today warning of a threat on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 specifically at the Red Line Universal Station.

Metro Security has been collaborating with its law enforcement partners including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles Police Department to mitigate the threat, which is being investigated for validity.

In the meantime, Metro is taking a number of precautions and is increasing law enforcement presence across the whole Metro system.

"At this point, we don't know if this is a credible threat, but the safety of our passengers, employees and the public is our number one priority, so we take this threat very seriously," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington.

"We are relying on multi-agency collaboration between Metro Transit Security, LASD and LAPD to keep the public safe and we ask the public to be one of our partners in enhancing our ears and eyes on the system," said Metro Chief Security Officer Alex Wiggins. "If you see something, say something. Call our Transit Watch Hotline at 888.950.7233 or notify us through the Transit Watch app."

### **About Metro**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related projects and leads transportation planning for Los Angeles County.

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