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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 15, 2006**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON DIRECTOR PARK'S NOVEMBER MOTION REGARDING
BUS STOP BENCHES AND SHELTERS**

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file status report on Director Parks' November 17, 2005 motion regarding bus stop benches and shelters.

ISSUE

Staff was directed to respond to Director Parks' approved motion to "bring together all agencies responsible for the construction and maintenance of bus shelters, benches and stops to discuss: a model bus shelter design; a strategy to include bus shelters at all bus stops; and a comprehensive rehabilitation and maintenance protocol."

DISCUSSION

In response to Director Parks' motion, a Facilities Maintenance task force was formed. The task force staff contacted each of the 84 municipalities in which Metro Operations has bus service stops and identified the individuals responsible for their respective municipality's benches and/or shelters. Staff then developed a survey to ascertain current maintenance practices and potential interest in participating in a model bus shelter design/maintenance program.

Since approximately fifty percent of Metro's bus stops are located within the City of Los Angeles, and the City's standards are known, the task force developed this survey to better understand the standard maintenance practices of the municipalities. Survey questions were included to determine local municipalities' interest in accepting a strategy to include bus shelters at all stops, and willingness to participate in a comprehensive rehabilitation and maintenance protocol.

Attachment C provides a summary result of the survey. Approximately two-thirds of the respondents indicated no interest in a model shelter design, with a high majority specifically indicating no interest in accepting the City of Los Angeles' approved shelter designs.

NEXT STEPS

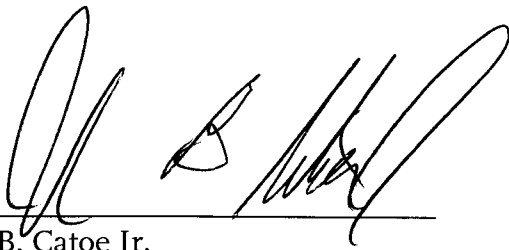
Staff will continue the present course of reporting and requesting remedial action from each of the 84 municipality representatives responsible for their City's benches and shelters whenever graffiti or damage is noticed on their owned benches or shelters via Metro's "See It. Report It" program. Additionally, staff will support the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services staff to help them develop and implement an effective interagency communication and tracking process to ensure that reported problems with the City's shelters and benches are responded to, repaired by the City's franchised vendors, and documented by the City. Staff will also refine Metro's "See It Report It" reporting parameters and departmental coordination process prior to implementation of the Program. Staff will review the impact of implementing the "See It. Report It." on a stepped basis with Metro's other four operating Sectors.

In addition to the programs within Metro Operations such as Metro Clean and "See it. Report It.", Countywide Planning and Development administers programs such as the Proposition A and C Local Return and Call for Projects that provide capital and operating funding to jurisdictions within Los Angeles County for bus shelter construction and maintenance. At the Board's direction, Metro could add language in these programs to promote or require countywide model shelter designs and/or bus shelter rehabilitation and maintenance protocols.

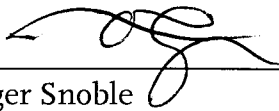
ATTACHMENTS

- A. Table of Municipal Contacts Responsible for Bus Stop Bench and Shelter Maintenance
- B. Survey Questions
- C. Summary of Survey Responses

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LACMTA MUNICIPAL SURVEY QUESTIONS ON BUS STOP SHELTERS AND BENCHES REGARDING A MODEL DESIGN, A STRATEGY TO INCLUDE SHELTERS AT ALL STOPS AND A COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PROTOCOL.

Dear Survey Recipients,

Metro staff has been directed by its Board of Directors to obtain information on municipal bus stop shelters and benches. Please fill out the below short questionnaire and return it via e-mail to serdienisp@metro.net within five business days. Your prompt attention and response is greatly appreciated.

Name of Municipality represented:

1) Who owns your municipality's
Benches? _____
Shelters? _____

2) Who is responsible for the installation of your municipal
Benches? _____
Shelters? _____

3) Who is responsible for the maintenance of your municipal
Benches? _____
Shelters? _____

4) What maintenance activities are performed at your
Benches? (Check applicable)

General clean up	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graffiti Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash Receptacle Emptying	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pressure Washing	<input type="checkbox"/>

Shelters? (Check applicable)

General clean up	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graffiti Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash Receptacle Emptying	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pressure Washing	<input type="checkbox"/>

5) Do you have a set schedule for maintenance of your municipal
Benches? YES NO If Yes, how many times per month? _____
Shelters? YES NO If Yes, how many times per month? _____

6) Who removes graffiti from you municipal

Benches? City Forces Vendor

Other (please specify) _____

Shelters? City Forces Vendor

Other (please specify) _____

7) What is the average time between graffiti being reported and it being removed from

Benches? _____ Days

Shelters? _____ Days

8) Do you have a standard design for your

Benches? YES NO

Shelters? YES NO

9) Would you be interested in participating in creating a standard model bus shelter design utilized at bus stops throughout the County of Los Angeles?

YES NO

10) Would you be interested in participating in a strategy to fund installation of this standardized shelter design utilized at each bus stop within your municipality where installation is physically capable?

YES NO

11) Would you be willing to accept the City of Los Angeles' current shelter designs to be installed within your municipality?

YES NO

12) Would you be interested in adopting a comprehensive shelter rehabilitation and maintenance protocol established by the City of Los Angeles?

YES NO

Thank you for your prompt response to the above questionnaire. If you have any other comments pertaining to the above, please indicate them below or call me at (213) 922-5190.

Sincerely,
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ATTACHMENT C
SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESPONSES
(As of April 24, 2006)

Staff contacted each of the 84 municipalities in which Metro Operations has bus service stops and requested their participation in a survey of bus stop bench and shelter activities. Forty-nine percent of the municipalities responded. The results are summarized below.

1. Bench and Shelter Ownership:

Benches	
71%	Municipalities
15%	Vendors
14%	Joint or none
Shelters	
49%	Municipalities
22%	Vendors
29%	Joint or none

2. Responsibility for Installation:

Benches	
61%	Municipalities
27%	Vendors
12%	Joint or none
Shelters	
41%	Municipalities
39%	Vendors
20%	Joint or none

3. Responsibility for Maintenance:

Benches	
59%	Municipalities
32%	Vendors
9%	Joint or none
Shelters	
39%	Municipalities
41%	Vendors
19%	Joint or none

4. Maintenance Activities Performed:

Benches	
93%	General Cleanup
93%	Empty Trash
85%	Remove Graffiti
73%	Pressure Wash

Shelters

83%	General Cleanup
88%	Empty Trash
83%	Remove Graffiti
78%	Pressure Wash

5. Set Maintenance Schedules:

61%	Benches - Average 6 times a month
68%	Shelters - Average 7 times a month

6. Graffiti Removal Responsibility:

Benches

46%	Municipalities
32%	Vendor
22%	Joint or none

Shelters

37%	Municipalities
32%	Vendors
31%	Joint or none

7. Average Response Time to Remove Graffiti:

Benches	3 days
Shelters	2 days

8. 78% of Municipalities have a standard bench design
75% of Municipalities have a standard shelter design

9. 70% of Municipalities indicated no interest in a Model Shelter design.

10. 65% of Municipalities indicated no interest in a strategy to fund installation of standardized shelters where possible.

11. 85% of the Municipalities indicated no interest in accepting the City of Los Angeles approved shelter designs.

12. 78% of the Municipalities indicated no interest in adopting the City of Los Angeles rehabilitation and maintenance protocol.

CONCLUSION

A clear majority of the Municipalities prefer independence in the design and maintenance of shelters within their geographic boundaries. Metro will continue communicating with the Municipalities to report problems requiring remedial action through its own "See It. Report It." Program.

