

## **Amendment to Item No. 26 by Directors Burke and Fasana**

April 19, 2007

While the Department of Homeland Security seeks to provide more resources for transit safety, and Los Angeles County, as a “first responder”, recognizes the need to address interoperability gaps for the determination of transit security priorities, Metro continues to be the only major subway system in the country that remains barrier free, and “ungated”.

While Metro addresses fiscal shortfalls that may necessitate fare restructuring to increase fare revenue, fare evasion continues, particularly on Metro Rail systems. In the absence of barrier gates, not only are evaders benefiting, but other revenue enhancement policies, such as distance based fares, cannot be instituted in the absence of requisite fare collection equipment on both Metro bus and rail systems.

These compelling issues – safety and security risk to patrons, limited mitigation of fare evasion on Metro Rail, and inability to implement fare policies that will address inequities between Metro bus and rail systems - confirm the rationale to immediately procure barrier gates, bus validation devices, and explore opportunities to implement distance based fares.

**We therefore move that**, this Board instruct the CEO to return to the Board in May 2007 at the Executive Management and Operations Committees (respectively) with:

1. A cost proposal from the existing UFS/TAP fare technology consultants to produce the scope of work for gating the Metro Rail System and deploying new distance based fare initiatives that will enable the full implementation of the policy direction given by the Board for transit security improvements based on Metro’s risk-based Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SEPP) and the Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS);
2. Provide a funding plan for the procurement of the barrier gates, bus validators, and the technical oversight consultant to oversee the implementation.; and
3. Provide a complete procurement strategy and schedule that includes the design, build, test, and implementation of barrier gates to improve security and safety of patrons traveling on all Metro Rail lines with options for implementing distance based fares on Metro bus and rail systems.