Operations Committee
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MOTION
Director Antonovich

In light of the recent fatal accident involving a Metro bus that overturned after hitting a median while traveling in the Number One lane, Metro should consider a policy to prohibit travel by Metro buses (40 foot-long and beyond) on the Number One lane and/or HOV lane on all freeways, with limited exceptions.

Furthermore, current law restricts trailer trucks to the outermost two lanes for driving and passing. However, enforcement of this law is lacking as these trucks often are found in the HOV lanes and other lanes illegal for them to use.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Metro Board of Directors instructs the CEO to return to the Operations Committee and the Full Board within 60 days with a new policy or policy amendment that:

1. restricts Metro buses in revenue and non-revenue service to the outermost lane on all freeways

2. makes the second outermost lane only available for passing provided that the freeway has three or more lanes.

3. creates exceptions for all Metro buses in revenue service on current and future express bus routes, transitway routes and other similar service dependent upon the use of HOV lanes.

4. creates exceptions for instances in which the left lanes are used to exit or enter a freeway/highway.

I ALSO MOVE that the Metro Board of Directors instruct the CEO to do the following:

1. send a letter on behalf of the Metro Board to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Dale Bonner; and California Highway Patrol Commissioner Mike L. Brown

2. this letter will request within 90 days an assessment on how current laws prohibiting trucks and other large vehicles from using the Number One and HOV lanes can (1) be enforced to the greatest extent possible and (2) be expanded in future legislation to accommodate new provisions and threats to the safety of highway users from increasing traffic attributed to freight trucks, long buses and other vehicles of similar size.