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Date: February 14, 2017

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*
Councilmember Lena Gonzalez, First District *LG*
Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District *DA*
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District *RU*

Subject: **Support of Metro proposal to contract with Long Beach Police Department**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request the City Council formally support the proposal by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to enter into a contract with the Long Beach Police Department (LBPB) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to perform security and safety services on the Metro Blue Line.

BACKGROUND:

Metro provides invaluable transportation services throughout Los Angeles County, including the City of Long Beach. The Blue Line connects Downtown Long Beach with Downtown Los Angeles, and cities in between, with transit options that relieve congestion on our roads and air pollution.

Safety issues have been one of the top concerns made by residents about the Blue Line. The Los Angeles Times recently reported that a survey showed that 29 percent of former Metro riders stated they stopped riding because they felt unsafe; one in 14 passengers in a separate survey stated they had been groped or touched inappropriately.

In an effort to improve safety and ridership, Metro staff has proposed entering into contracts with LBPB and LAPD to partially replace the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and to increase law enforcement personnel on Metro from a range of 140 to 200 deputies to 240 officers and deputies in each 24-hour period.

Response times in Long Beach would improve from 12 to 14 minutes to less than 5 minutes. While improving safety, this would also save Metro \$20 million per year. This local policing approach is necessary to improve the overall safety and reliability of Metro services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding would be provided by Metro to cover the costs and increase the Long Beach Police Department's staffing.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: February 10, 2017

To: Poonam Davis, City Clerk

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*
Councilmember Lena Gonzalez, First District
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of February 14, 2017

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

Request the City Council formally support the proposal by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to enter into a contract with the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to perform security and safety services on the Metro Blue Line.

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
8	Al Austin	<i>Al Austin</i>
7	Roberto Uranga	<i>Roberto Uranga</i>
1	Lena Gonzalez	<i>Lena Gonzalez</i>

Attachment: Staff Report dated February 14, 2017