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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director
DATE: June 10, 2020
SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY ALONG THE WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH**

Public comments on items on the agenda will be taken at the time the item is called and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

ISSUE

Eco-Rapid Transit staff are aware of concerns related to safety and security and seek your guidance on this issue. It is critical that our communities feel comfortable riding the train and feel safe in our West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) station areas. This is also important as we discuss community and economic development.

Staff seeks your guidance on how to ensure that safety and security related to operations, design, community integration and transit oriented community development. This includes not only the provision of an excellent transit rider experience, but also, as riders exit the train and bus, help them to feel welcomed, safe and secure – and that they have arrived at a destination in our community.

BACKGROUND

Eco-Rapid Transit is thinking about safety and security – how we are a team and it must be more than Metro. We are thinking about the user experience as they arrive at a Metro/WSAB/Eco-Rapid Transit station and then go to a destination in our community (Eco-Rapid Transit member).

Metro has a safety and security system. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) created a state-managed oversight program for rail transit safety and security and public transit agencies are required to develop, implement, and certify a Public Transit Agency Safety Plan. Metro will develop a plan and submit the plan to its Board of Directors for approval and to FTA for certification. The environmental documents always include safety and security analysis for any transit project.

The WSAB Line planning, construction and operations is and will be in accordance with Metro system safety plans, policies, and procedures including:

- Metro System Safety Program Plan
- Metro System Security Plan
- Metro Standard and Emergency Operating Procedures
- Metro Rail Operating Rulebook

Metro has plans and programs regarding multi-agency law enforcement, security features at station locations, and is always looking at new initiatives.



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For WSAB, we anticipate that Metro will assess all locations regarding deployment of law enforcement and security services. Station safety and security is part of the Metro/Eco-Rapid Transit TOD SIP. Metro also plans to work with all of us as we develop our land use plans.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Receive and file the item