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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**SUBJECT: OPERATION/SECURITY PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S  
MARCH AND INAUGURAL DAY DEMONSTRATION**

### **ISSUE**

This Saturday, January 21, 2017, the Los Angeles Women's March will be taking place in Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA), from Pershing Square to Los Angeles City Hall. The City of Los Angeles will implement street closures. The downtown march has been scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Metro staff has received reports anticipating up to 150,000 participants with many expected to use the Metro system for transportation to and from the event. We are also expecting crowds, demonstrations and protests by the public on Inauguration Day, Friday, January 20. This report has been prepared to inform the Metro Board of Directors of Metro's plans and preparations for this weekend's event.

### **DISCUSSION**

Metro staff has been preparing for the Los Angeles Women's March (the March) and Inauguration demonstrations on all fronts this past week – Operations, Security, Law Enforcement and Communications. Bus operations will be impacted by a closure of Broadway Street on Friday from Olympic Boulevard to Temple Street, and on Saturday Broadway and Hill will be closed from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Buses will use Main Street and Hill Street to detour with signs posted at affected stops informing patrons of where to board their bus.

For Saturday's Women's March, Metro Rail operations, we will run full-platform, 6-car trains on the Red and Purple Lines and full-platform, 3-car trains for the Blue, Expo, and Gold Line trains. Metro Red and Purple Lines will run every 12 minutes each line (Downtown every 6 minutes when lines combine). Due to a high volume of interest specifically from the Westside, frequency on the Expo Line will increase to 9 minutes

instead of the usual 12 minutes on the weekends. The Blue and Gold Line will remain at 12 minute weekend headways and there will be no change in operations for the Metro Green Line.

Revenue/TAP staffing will be in place at North Hollywood, Santa Monica, Culver City and Union Station in the morning to assist customers in purchasing fare then will move into Pershing Square and Civic Center stations for the afternoon departures. Transportation management and security will be in place at stations within event proximity.

We are also prepared for expected crowds, demonstrations and protests by the public on Inauguration Day, Friday, January 20. As Friday is unknown, we are prepared for all possibilities including any necessary rolling-detours and halting of service in the event of vandalism or violence. We will have additional revenue staff to assist customers. There will be a continuation of 6-car trains throughout the day on the Red Line as well as the cancelling of late night car cuts. Activists from Friday's Presidential Inauguration are expected to continue demonstrations into Saturday, joining the Women's March.

#### Safety and Security

We will be activating Metro's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Friday, Inauguration Day, to monitor activities across the transit system and will continue into Saturday for the Women's March. Metro is coordinating with local law enforcement to ensure resources are in place to respond to problems, as necessary. Metro security, LASD and LAPD will deploy additional personnel to monitor the march from Pershing Square to City hall. In addition to the stepped up presence at Pershing Square Station and along the Red Line, Metro Security staff will accompany the revenue team at select Red Line Stations to ensure fare compliance.

Contingency plans are in place in the event minute-to-minute developments require an increased law enforcement and security presence.

#### Communications

Metro Communications will begin providing information to the public regarding traffic, expected delays and detours in DTLA via The Source and Social Media. We will be sending a Media Alert and there will be social media service alerts on park and ride availability as necessary.