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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 4, 2017 "REFUSE FASCISM" NATIONWIDE PROTESTS

ISSUE

Nationwide protests are expected to occur in major U.S. cities on November 4, 2017. The protests are being organized by a group known as Antifa, which is focused on removing the current Presidential administration from office.

Metro is expected to see an increase in ridership due to a planned protest at Pershing Square (5th/Hill Street). Metro is taking steps to prepare for this one-time protest.

DISCUSSION

In anticipation of the Los Angeles protest scheduled to take place at noon, staff from Operations, Security and Emergency Management met with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to finalize our Incident Management Plan. The initial information received in October predicted the presence of potentially violent actors mixing in with peaceful protestors, along with crowds consistent with what we encountered during the Women's Day March. However, recent information confirms the likely presence of potentially violent actors, but confidence in the crowd size has lapsed significantly.

Both Metro and the City of Los Angeles will activate their respective Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) to ensure seamless coordination throughout the event. Metro will maintain contact with the City of LA's EOC and LAPD.

Metro EOC Coordination

- Level 1 activation of Metro's EOC beginning at 9 a.m.
- LAPD will staff Metro's EOC to ensure seamless coordination between transit operations and law enforcement
- Subject to events in the field, Metro will respond to LAPD's Command Post if the possibility of transit disruptions emerge

Communications

Metro Communications has been, and will continue to provide information to the public regarding traffic, expected delays, how to use Metro's system to and from the event, and detours through social media channels as well as traditional media. A Media Alert

will be disseminated regarding service, detours and Metro's operations plan. Social media service alerts will be used continuously throughout the day to provide the public with up-to-date information regarding park and ride availability, bus and rail service and planned detours.

Operations and TAP

Metro Bus Operations will be impacted by street closures on South Broadway, South Hill, 6th, and South Los Angeles streets. In order to detour easily within the affected area, buses will use the following streets during the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or when ordered by a Field Supervisor or BOC or when barricades are present:

- 9th St.
- 8th St.
- Olive St.
- Grand Ave.

In addition, signs will be posted at affected stops informing patrons of where to board buses affected by detours.

Metro Rail Operations will operate normal weekend service on all rail lines. The Red, Blue, Green, Expo and Gold Lines will run every 12 minutes and the Purple Line 6 minutes servicing Pershing Square.

Safety and Security

Rail Operations personnel will be deployed to critical stations and maintain direct communications with Rail Operations Control (ROC) to ensure the efficiency of revenue service and immediate deployment to potential delays or incidents. Metro has coordinated with local law enforcement agencies to ensure that the appropriate resources are in place to immediately respond to any issues that may arise.

The Los Angeles Police Department will deploy personnel on the Red and Purple Lines to provide additional security.

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

NEXT STEPS

Metro staff will compile the protest event results, lessons learned, and report back as necessary.