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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**SUBJECT: OPERATIONS, SECURITY & COMMUNICATIONS PLANS  
FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LOS ANGELES ANNUAL WOMEN'S  
MARCH AND ONE LIFE LA MARCH**

**ISSUE**

On Saturday, January 20, 2018, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Los Angeles Women's March will take place in Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA), from Pershing Square to Los Angeles City Hall. Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) will close streets prior to the start of the event and reopen streets as needed. The Women's March is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m.

A second march, One Life LA March will take place on the same day, Saturday, January 20, 2018. Participants for this event will assemble at Main Street and Cesar E. Chavez Avenue and end at Los Angeles State Historical Park in Chinatown. This march is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. This report is to inform Metro's Board of Directors of Metro's operational service, security plans, communications plans for both of these major events taking place this weekend.

**DISCUSSION**

Metro staff has been preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Los Angeles Women's March and the One Life LA March on all fronts. Discussions with Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the organizing group revealed that approximately 200,000 participants are expected to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Los Angeles Women's March and likely to use the Metro system to arrive and depart from the event. Also, the One Life LA March is expected to attract approximately 15,000 to 25,000 participants. Interdepartmental/interagency planning and coordination efforts include Metro Operations, Emergency Management, Security, Law Enforcement, Rail Facilities Maintenance, Communications, LAPD, LADOT and other departments and agencies. Various Metro support staff will be available for crowd control, line queuing to assist customers and monitor train and bus

deployment, and service for the duration of event at strategic locations systemwide.

### Bus Operations

Both events and multiple street closures will impact Metro bus operations in DTLA. As such, Metro buses will utilize the following perimeter streets to avoid crowds: Alameda Street, Cesar E. Chavez, Figueroa Street, and Olympic Boulevard. Northbound and southbound DTLA buses will utilize Alameda Street on the east and Figueroa Street on the west. Eastbound and westbound Metro buses will use Olympic Boulevard on the south and Cesar E. Chavez on the north side to circumvent the marches. Temporary signage will be posted at all affected bus stops informing patrons of Metro bus boarding locations. Bus Operations will supply additional buses to alleviate high ridership demand during ingress and egress at Culver City, Del Mar, South Pasadena and other rail stations as needed. The Silver and Orange Lines, along with Metro Line 720 will also operate with enhanced service levels.

### Rail Operations

Metro Rail Operations will operate enhanced service and deploy additional train cars on all rail lines the day of event beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. or as necessary.

All Red and Purple Lines will be 6-car trains and use the entire platform for boarding and alighting patrons. The Red Line will run every 6 minutes, the shortest headway, while the Purple Line will operate every 12 minutes. The Gold, Blue, and Expo Lines will run 3-car trains on the day of event. The Gold Line will run every 7 ½ minutes from APU/Citrus Station to Little Tokyo Station and 15 minutes from Little Tokyo Station to Atlantic Station. The Expo and Blue Lines will run every 6 minutes from Willow Station to 7<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Station and every 15 minutes from Willow Station to Downtown Long Beach. The Green Line will operate 2-car trains and run every 12 minutes on the day of event. The shorter headways and additional car trains on all rail lines will ensure Metro Operations meets ridership demand the day of event.

### Revenue/TAP Services

This year, Metro will deploy additional TAP/Revenue staff to key rail stations to alleviate expected high demand for TAP cards and fare. Revenue tables will be available at the majority of affected rail stations to expedite TAP transactions during egress and ingress. The following rail stations will have Revenue and/or TAP staff in place: Union Station, Civic Center, Pershing Square, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Metro, Universal City, North Hollywood, Little Tokyo, Chinatown, South Pasadena, Del Mar, Sierra Madre Villa, and Culver City. Metro Security will also be in place at stations within the event and at stations outside of the DTLA area.

### Safety and Security

Metro Safety and Security will be activating Metro's Emergency Operations (EOC) on Saturday, to monitor activities across the transit system and will continue throughout the day. Metro discussed and coordinated with local enforcement to ensure appropriate resources are in place to respond to any issues, as necessary. Metro security, LAPD, and LASD will monitor the march from Pershing Square to City Hall, and then finally to Grand Park. In addition to providing extra security at Pershing Square and Civic Center, Metro Security will accompany all Revenue Teams at various rail stations to ensure fare compliance.

Contingency plans are in place for the event with minute-by-minute developments in case the need for additional law enforcement and security is required. As marchers begin to exit the downtown area, Security and Operations staff will closely manage passenger flow into the rail stations in order to prevent overcrowding on the platforms.

### Communications

Metro's Communication team began providing information regarding both events earlier this week and will continue to inform the public regarding rail and bus service, fares, traffic, expected delays, and detours in DTLA via The Source and Social Media platforms. Metro Media Relations will be issuing a Media Alert, and there will be social media service alerts regarding park and ride availability and other service changes as necessary.