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**SUBJECT: OPERATIONS, SECURITY & COMMUNICATIONS PLANS  
FOR THE 2020 LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S MARCH & ONE  
LIFE MARCH**

### **ISSUE**

On Saturday, January 18, 2020, the Los Angeles Women's March and One Life March will take place in Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA), from Pershing Square to Los Angeles City Hall. The 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 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. The One Life March is scheduled to begin on Olvera Street at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles State Historic Park.

### **DISCUSSION**

Metro staff has been preparing for the 2020 Los Angeles Women's March on all fronts. Discussions with LAPD and the organizing group revealed that as many as several hundred thousand participants are expected to attend the 2020 Los Angeles Women's March and One Life March and likely to use the Metro system to arrive and depart from both events. Interdepartmental and interagency planning and coordination efforts include Metro Operations, Security and Law Enforcement, Communications, LADOT and among others. 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**

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/Pico Boulevards. 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 and Pico Boulevards 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 demands along the J Line (Silver) and G Line (Orange).

### 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 approximately 5:00 p.m.

All B Line (Red) and D Line (Purple) service will operate 6-car trains and use the entire platform for boarding and alighting patrons. The B Line (Red) will run every 6 minutes, the shortest headway, while the D Line (Purple) will operate every 12 minutes. The L Line (Gold), A Line (Blue), and E Line (Expo) will run 3-car trains on the day of event. The L Line (Gold) 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 E Line (Expo) A Line (Blue) and will run every 6 minutes from Willow Station to 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Metro Station and every 12 minutes from Willow Station to Downtown Long Beach. The C Line (Green) will operate 2-car trains and will run every 12 minutes.

### Revenue/TAP Service

Metro will continue to deploy 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 ingress and egress. The following rail stations will have Blue Shirt staff in place: 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Metro, Civic Center, Pershing Square, North Hollywood, Union Station – East Portal, Atlantic, Expo-Sepulveda and La Cienega/Jefferson Stations. Depending on resource availability, Blue Shirt staff may relocate to other key stations as necessary.

### Safety, Security and Emergency Management

Metro Emergency Management will be activating Metro's Emergency Operations Center (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 and LAPD will monitor the march from Pershing Square to City Hall. 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 rail stations in order to prevent overcrowding on platforms.

### Communications

Metro's Communication team posted information regarding this event earlier this week to inform the public on rail and bus service, fares, traffic, expected delays and detours in DTLA via The Source and other social media platforms. Metro Media Relations issued a news release and will utilize social media service alerts to provide park-and-ride availability and service change information to customers.