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The Daily News has inquired about the Metro Red Line Segment I emergency communication network. The newspaper has sought information regarding the request by LAPD and LAFD that the system be upgraded. We have reported that six of the eight radio channels with the LAFD are operational, and that the Board approved program to upgrade the system will bring the other two channels on line. In addition, we noted that there are infrequent periods of static on the five LAPD channels, however, these periods have been significantly reduced in recent months due to refinements in the existing system.

We have emphasized that the current communication system provides police and fire officials with adequate facilities to communicate in the case of an emergency. In addition, our own Transit Police, who have primary responsibility for most emergency situations, have two working radio channels and that in case of an emergency our law enforcement officers would work from a combined field command post to coordinate emergency activities with outside fire and police agencies.