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Avenue 33 Crossing	Ms. Amato, Principal Nightingale Middle School, 323-211- 2128	Children using the freeway overpass to 33rd Street, 1/31; This Pedestrian Walkway "Gauntlet" over the 110 Freeway presents major safety concerns for students attending both Nightingale and Loreto School. The Gauntlet provides opportunity for entrapment, altercations, loitering, tagging and the presence of predatory felons and vagrants	Provide "Ambassadors" for a Safe Start program (retired train operators) at intersections during pre- revenue testing when children are entering and exiting the gauntlet at Avenue 33/ Lacy Street (school start and dismissal)	Safety Ambassadors in place effective 4/19/03 to assist crossing conditions
		In a 2/28-telephone call, Ms. Amato stated that she would close the Gauntlet if Bus Line 81 were altered to ensure service to students. 1,158 Students out of the 1985 student population live in zip codes that cross the tracks	Close the Gauntlet and ensure that adequate bus service is provided to schools in the area surrounding both schools. Modify current bus routes to accommodate students. Could LAUSD provide service for Nightingale students?	MTA Bus Lines #251 and 81 operate in front of Nightingale Middle School. There are no plans at this time to change the bus service. Ms. Amato conducted a survey of students to determine how many currently use bus service and how many might if gauntlet was closed.
			Install warning devices (flashing lights, bells) and pedestrian gates (both "arm" type and "swing" type) to provide full closure at all quadrants for pedestrians.	Installation complete effective 4/03

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			Install fencing up to the sidewalk to eliminate any gaps between the pedestrian gates and right-of-way fence.	Installation complete effective 4/03
			Install signage on gates to warn pedestrians from entering the crossing when trains approach the intersection.	No such signage on any MTA rail system
			Install striping across the crossing to clearly delineate the crosswalk for pedestrians	Installation complete effective 4/03
			Install ADA warning tactile tiles in all quadrants	Installation complete effective 4/03
		Mrs. Gonzales, Loreto School suggested a stop sign be added on both sides of the Grade crossing allowing students coming from South of Avenue 33 to access the North side of Avenue 33 to access the walkway to school.	Install a "Pedestrian Ahead" warning sign for vehicles traveling eastbound on Avenue 33 due to the lack of visibility associated with the blind curve. Install a railing along the curb of the sidewalk where the "gauntlet" ends along with a "Use sidewalk" and a directional sign showing where they are.	SAR issued to PBLCA

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		Cars are making U-turns in the middle of the right-of-way		5/14 – Notified Gold Line LASD.
French		Ambassador needs key to the construction building	PBLCA to provide key	Forwarded to Rail Safety
Marmion Way		There is still a problem with vehicles pulling on the tracks, stopping on the tracks and trash trucks being too wide to stay off the tracks	Set up a meeting with Rail Ops, Community Relations, LADOT and Councilman Reyes office to discuss	Meeting with LADOT was held July 7 th . LADOT will pass to drivers and private trash contractors will be notified.
Ave 50		There is a sign "Tracks out of Service" facing westbound traffic	Remove sign	SAR issued to PBLCA
	Ms. Powell Principal Aldama School 323-255-1434		Aldama is approximately 4 blocks from Avenue 50, which has quad gates. Provide quarterly safety posters for placement in the schools.	MTA site visit held 2/4. Poster development in Marketing
		People seem to panic when the gates start coming down	Delay the pedestrian gate to allow people to have more time or notify safety ambassadors to instruct people to cross only when allowed	No delay recommended
		During construction the third lane South East on the Figueroa side was taken out.	Residents want to know if the lane will be restored.	Forwarded to rail safety
Ave. 51		Southbound towards Ave. 50 there is no "No Trespassing	Add sign	PBLCA to install

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		on tracks sign.		
Ave. 54		Bells are not ringing when the arms are up		Forwarded to Rail Safety
Ave. 57		If cars are parked on Marmion Way, vehicles are driving on the right-of-way to go around	Advise LASD and Rail Ops, letters should go to LADOT outlining all city related issues	Signage installed
		Youths riding bikes on the right-of-way	Include in safety presentation the observance of rail right-of-ways only	Has been part of safety presentation since beginning and is reinforced with the Safety Ambassador program.
		School, LADOT and MTA buses are not stopping at railroad tracks.	Notifications to identified bus systems to correct problem	5/12 - notice given to MTA San Gabriel svc sector mgr and LADOT to remind bus operators to observe ROW signs
		At Avenue 57 station north end entrance, possible hazard from vehicles unknowingly entering onto pedestrian walkway	Small poles could be placed similar to station entrance to deter vehicles entering onto pedestrian path.	Forwarded to Rail Safety
		Community Outreach to enhance safety	Staging ongoing events with the Mobil Theatre and develop yearly schedule	Over 4,000 have gone through The Mobile Theatre since the debut.

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Avenue 61	Site visit w/St. Ignatius School & Highland Pk Rec Ctr	Need to evaluate combined use of utility entrance and pedestrian traffic also discussed	Two month "Safe Start" program w/ambassadors to assist and monitor at Ave's 33, French, 50, 54, 55, Figueroa, South Pasadena and Pasadena	Safety Ambassador program in place 4/19
	Parent Meeting held at St. Ignatius School on 2/20 with Councilman Reyes staff and MTA staff in attendance St. Ignatius	Councilman Reyes and MTA staff reported to parents observations made at the 2/4 site visit School wants students to be familiar with station location	Site visit recommended	Questions were answered regarding pre-revenue, testing, scheduling and speed of trains Site visit postponed due to school schedule
	Ms. Barraza, Vice Principal, Garvanza Elementary 323-254-7328	Students use same route as those from St. Ignatius School at Ave. 61	Provide quarterly safety posters for placement in the schools	MTA site visit held 2/4. Poster development in Marketing
	Ms. Minjares Vice Principal Monte Vista Elementary 323-254-7261	School located on the same route alignment as those located near Ave 61.	Provide quarterly safety posters for placement in the schools	MTA site visit held 2/4. Poster development in Marketing
		Recommendation to lower weights on the Ped. Gate mechanisms. Current location can be hazardous to pedestrians	The evaluation team has clearly recommended the installation of reflective "Caution" tape on the exit gate.	See PBLCA letter dated 5/15/03 to KW directing their attention to this.
		DWP and trash trucks are parking close to the tracks.		Meeting held 7/7/03

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Ave 61 & Figueroa		Debris/mattresses left on railroad Right-of-Way	All debris must be picked up by PBLCA.	LASD removed and placed on property of furniture store on corner
		Vehicles are making u-turns	U-turn sign is beyond tracks and should be moved closer to railroad tracks	LADOT has taken note of the situation. LADOT is looking into adding deterrents in street
		Trees need trimming to avoid obstruction of signals and cantenary wires	Notifications to LADOT and Pasadena Construction to follow-up	Received phone message Mr. Jim Ball/LADOT on 5/14 stating area trees have been trimmed
		Two lights on the crossing pole do not illuminate – one south and one east	Notify Construction Authority of problem to repair lights	5/13 - E-mail sent to PBL Per PBL, info passed onto appropriate colleagues
		Vehicles and pedestrians are taking shortcuts through access driveway to and from Highland Pk Community Ctr	Additional fencing would deter all from using driveway and railroad right-of-way	E-mail sent to PBL Per PBL, info passed onto appropriate colleagues
		From Tuesday, May 6 th through Friday May 9, MTA Safety Ambassadors observed MTA, LADOT, & LAUSD making incomplete stops north and southbound before railroad tracks	A phone call was placed to agencies and service sectors who cover this area to obey signal crossings and observe appropriate DMV requirements	5/13 - notices were given to LADOT, MTA San Gabriel Valley Sector and LAUSD with list of bus numbers – offered safety presentation
		All buses are doing rolling stops		Forwarded to Rail Safety

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City of S. Pas.	John Anderson Commissioner of Safety City of South Pasadena		City of South Pasadena Safety Commission requested meetings at the MTA to further discuss means by which the two groups could partner in Rail Safety Out- Reach efforts.	Community Relations addressed the South Pasadena Safety Commission on 5/17
	Councilman David Saeta	Request to participate in Earth Day celebration April 19	Safety Team will be present	MTA participated 4/19
Arroyo Verde		Workers from W.K. contractor were having a hard time finding the southwest pedestrian iron walk through gate	Change the signage	No change recommended: gates are clearly visible.
		Sycamore, southbound the exit gate of track #2 stops traffic, the exit gates are slower to come down. A car could be tempted to run the gate.	Public Outreach	Ask Ambassadors to inform the public.
		On 5/14 at 11:48 gates did not come down. On 5/15, at 7:06 both exit gates remained up.	Adjust magnetic lock	Corrected
		A damaged wire sticking out from the asphalt, Tract #2, southbound on the south side of the grade crossing.	To be resolved through the punch list walk- through	Passed to PBLCA

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		The railroad signal box, at the ground level, between tracks 1 & 2, on the north side of the grade crossing, has a broken cover. About 25 feet north, there is another RR signal box without a cover.	To be resolved through the punch list walk-through	Corrected.
S.E.E.D.S.		30% of cars exiting school are not observing street signage to not make "Left Turn" onto tracks	Remind school parents the importance of obeying signs	5/13 - School was contacted of problem. They will remind parents by letter and Safety Team will also inform local law enforcement
		On Arroyo Verde St, trash containers have small wheels at bottom. Since this street is on a downhill slope, when trash is dumped, containers may roll down onto railroad ROW	PBLCA to investigate and discuss with the City of South Pasadena	Trash bins are now placed on Monterey Rd. - Problem corrected.
		On Sycamore Ave & Arroyo Verde traffic is backing up past stop sign and onto crosswalk	Notify Safety Ambassadors to take aggressive role in trouble shooting situation	Safety Ambassadors notified
		There are sharp edges on the back fences	Remove sharp edges	SAR Issued
El Centro, South Pasadena	Principal, Arroyo Vista Elementary		Shared with Principal Safe Start/Ambassador Program	Safety Ambassadors started program on 4/19

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Indiana St in S. Pasadena		Oncoming traffic is making a right turn on to access road on Hawthorne which empties on Indiana	Place a sign at Monterey Pass Road and Pasadena Avenue to discourage traffic from making turn. Another choice is to place speed bumps on access road or notify law enforcement to monitor area	5/13 City South Pasadena notified and working with them to correct problem. Recommended speed bumps, speed limit signs, and enforcement.
		Safety Ambassadors observed City of S. Pasadena school bus drivers not stopping at railroad tracks	Notify city of lack of adherence to railroad crossings	5/13 contacted S. Pasadena Unified School District. Message passed onto Durham Bus Svc who provides buses and remind drivers to stop at rail crossings
		Youth buses stopping on tracks	Contact city to identify which youth group bus	Durham and Embree Bus Service notified
		Trees are blocking the No Pedestrian Crossing sign looking south on Indiana	Trim trees – Notify City of S. Pasadena	City notified – 14 changes to be made to improve crossing. SAR issued to PBLCA.
		School crossing sign is obscured by a tree	Notify city of S. Pasadena	SAR issued to PBLCA.
		There is a pole covered by a safety cone at the alleyway. Several people have hit it	Notify Construction Authority that pole needs to be removed	SAR issued to PBLCA.
		Complaints about weed abatement	Maintenance needed by Construction Authority	Notify Construction Authority – Pending
		Loose steel plates and poles on near around rail tracks	Notify Rail Ops	Early morning sweep trains will handle

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		Graffiti is appearing on signal boxes	Contract PBLCA	Notify PBLCA
		Man on Hawthorne St. is pitching his dog's residue on tracks on a daily basis	Inform city law enforcement	Pending
		During school hours, morning and evening, last-minute drop offs create bumper-to bumper congestion with many cars stopping on the tracks.	Prohibit "Left Turns" from westbound Indian onto southbound Hawthorne. Restrict "Left Turns" during peak school hours. Install a "Stop" and a "Do Not Stop on Tracks" sign for the east and west bound directions on Indiana, in essence making the intersection a 4-way stop controlled. Consider pre-emption for the traffic signal adjacent to Monterey Road east of the tracks.	Letter sent to the City of South Pasadena. SAR issued to PBLCA
Fremont and Grevelia		Crossing gate timing requires attention for synchronization.	Notify Rail Operations	Forwarded to Rail Safety
		Gates came down with no train – week of 5/23 at 10:40A.	Report to Operations	Completed
		"Not in Service" tag on gate – Eastside	Remove tag	Forwarded to Rail Safety, walk through scheduled
		Cars not stopping at "limit line" on Fremont and pedestrians walking on a closed sidewalk	Inform city of S. Pasadena	Install stop here on red signs

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		Configuration of the intersection makes it impossible for cars traveling west on Grevelia to see oncoming northbound traffic on Fremont.	City should install No Right Turn on Red at this intersection on the Median Island and on the Traffic Pole	SAR issued to PBLCA
		Crossing apparatus on the Southside of Grevelia as it sits in the middle of a narrow sidewalk cannot be seen at night	Notify Rail Ops	PBLAC to verify proper operation of signal.
		Southbound vehicles speed on Fremont. They are coming upon the crossing/intersection at a fairly steep decline as well as over a hill which impairs a view of the intersection	Increased enforcement and speed bumps	Notify MTA/LASD/City of S. Pasadena law enforcement -- Pending
		Pedestrian walk sign on Grevelia on the South side do not come on when crossing gates come on	PBLCA to verify proper operation of signal	SAR issued to PBLCA
Orange Grove		There is a blind curve southbound on track 2	Add a stop sign	Rail Operations to speak with City of South Pasadena
Glenarm		Eastbound employees of engineering company are making left turns and U turns into the parking lot	Contact Human Resources to work with them to educate their employees on Rail Safety	Notified Jacobs Engineering on 5/03 and they will alert employees and other tenants in building to observe rail safety precautions

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		The Turbin Plant contractors park and walk across the tracks to work	Contact Turbin and offer safety training.	Pending
California		Upon Activation of the preemptive sequence, the adjacent signal at Raymond limits eastbound traffic but allows westbound traffic to proceed, thus clearing the tracks. The problem is the westbound traffic is also allowed to proceed up to the crossing, which results in the intersection at Arroyo Parkway and California to become grid locked, and blocks the southbound traffic on Arroyo after the signals change.	The City of Pasadena is aware of the problem and they are expecting new software to address the problem.	Pending
Mission & Meridian, S. Pasadena		Traffic signal at Mission and Meridian does not work in sequence – many complaints received from the community	Notify city of S. Pasadena	PBLCA to contact local Traffic Engineer to verify and mitigate phasing discrepancies. SAR issued to PBLCA
LAUSD		Crossing guards to be added	LADOT requested safety training	Training completed 6/16
The City of Pasadena	Mayor Bogaard Ms. Belinda Jacobs – Administrative Assistant to the Mayor	Mayor Bogaard requested all schools in Pasadena Safety Presentations	MTA and Judi Masuda, a trained Light Rail Safety Presenter, attempted to reach out to Pasadena Schools	Mr. Phil Calasat, Assistant Principal of Pasadena High School, stated that Safety Presentations are not necessary.

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PBLCA	Susan Hodor Manager, Public Affairs	Testing Information/Train Safety	- Open House Community Meetings 3/20, 6 PM Ramona Hall, Los Angeles	Completed
			3/25, 6 PM, Community Room, S. Pasadena	Completed
			3/27 at 6PM Pasadena Senior Center	Completed
All schools on alignment		Identify schools on summer program activities	Call schools for summer schedule	All school called – all schools on alignment have varied school schedules
All Crossings		School buses from Durham and Atlantic Express have been making unsafe stops.	Contact the companies and offer them a safety presentation	Durham and Embree Bus Service contacted
All Rail Ambassadors –		Observed Calgary Ped gates are sticking in the open position. Kids are slamming at gates and they end up sticking open	Notify Rail Ops	SAR issued to PBLCA
All Crossings –		Vehicles are stopping on the tracks, particularly at Mission	Paint sign on street "Keep Clear" in the Beyond the Limit Lines. Also, place at each intersection that says "Do Not Stop on Tracks	Forwarded to Rail Safety
Goodwill Industries	Councilman Ed Reyes	Request by Councilman Reyes & Goodwill Ind. to give a safety presentation	Safety Team will be present	Completed 4/19