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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: BIKE-ON-RAIL POLICY REVISIONS

ACTION: AMEND EXISTING BIKE POLICY AND ADOPT REVISED POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Revised Bike-On-Rail Policy

ISSUE

The current Bike-on-Rail policy dates back to September 26, 2002. Since that time, the rail system has grown and will continue to grow. Although the current policy allows for bicycles on board the Metro Rail system, there are several limitations that impede the full use of bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation. The main drawbacks of the existing policy are as follows:

- No bicycles allowed within the Central Business District that is defined as any rail station between Union Station Gateway and Wilshire Vermont
- No bicycles allowed during the AM and PM peak hours generally defined as between 6:30 AM-8:30AM and 4:30PM -6:30PM
- With the expansion of the rail system, the peak hour restrictions have become too cumbersome to effectively monitor
- Did not consider safety implications of large number of bicycles at any given time
- Did not direct bicycles to safe locations within the rail vehicles
- Led to violations of the fire and penal codes due to bicycles blocking doorways

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The revised policy would allow for full access to the rail system and would allow bicycles to be a viable alternative mode of transportation. The revised policy will:

- Allow access to bicycles at any time of the day
- Enhance safety by limiting the number of bicycles and directing them to appropriate locations within each rail vehicle
- Have no impact on the long range transit plan

