

# South Bay Sector Arthur Winston & Carson Division

## Graffiti and Vandalism



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Graffiti and vandalism cost Metro Millions of dollars each year

In 2008, Metro spent over 4.2 Million dollars on seat inserts, window guards and service attendant labor caused by graffiti and vandalism to our buses

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Both at the Arthur Winston and Carson Divisions, Service Attendants are utilized to replace graffiti seat inserts and window guards.

In the last 7 months, the South bay Sector has replaced over 12,000 seat inserts and 5,500 window guards at a cost of over \$330,000 to the South Bay Sector.

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Other cost not include to remove graffiti and vandalism are etching on emergency escape hatch, side walls of the bus, mirrors inside the bus, Transit TV monitors, back walls, rear doors and slap stickers.



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Metro has an on going relationship with the LA Sheriff to Identify those vandalizing our buses. The Sheriff visit the divisions and identify the moniker of the graffiti taggers to track them and make arrest.

Recently the LA Sheriff requested cost estimates to 127 of Division 18 buses for graffiti and vandalism. The cost estimates to the 127 buses were \$180,000

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Carson Division 18 has partnered with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department in a pilot program to track graffiti and identify the Vandals utilizing today's technology (Smartphone)

