

Introduction

- The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) provides contracted law enforcement to all Metro buses and properties outside of Los Angeles and all light rail outside of Los Angeles and Long Beach
- This includes buses, rail, or property covering 102 cities including surrounding counties
- LASD Transit Services Bureau (TSB) has over 300 personnel
- Including:
 - specially trained transit patrol deputies patrol deputies,
 - transit mental evaluation team responding to mental health crisis and unhoused individuals,
 - explosive detection canine handlers,
 - special assignment teams,
 - transit detectives,
 - dispatch and support personnel.

Metro's Public Safety Advisory Committee

- On June 18, 2020, on a motion by Directors Bonin, Garcetti, Hahn, Dupont-Walker, and Solis, the Metro Board of Directors authorized the creation of the "Public Safety Advisory Committee"
- This advisory committee was charged with helping staff "develop the new scope of services, budget, and other provisions of the multiagency police contract renewal"
- On November 3, 2021 this official **paid** advisory committee voted, 14 to zero, to recommend:
 - Abolishing all three policing contracts
 - Shifting the burden of policing to local agencies
 - Using the \$75 million to fund "undefined" alternatives such as non-profits and yet-to-be developed Metro Ambassadors
- This recommendation went against the recommendation of Staff, which was to extend the contracts and funding for one year
- The dangerous recommendation from PSAC will be considered by the Metro Board of Directors on November 18 at their "Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience" committee meeting and on December 2 by the full Board

Disastrous Results

- Abolishment of Law Enforcement on Metro would be catastrophic to the riders who rely on this system to shop, go to work, and get around
- Local agencies would have to manage this increased workload, resulting in a delay to calls on the system or their own cities
- It would be difficult for Metro to identify appropriate agency to respond to crimes occurring among over 23 Sheriff Stations and 46 police agencies
- There would be a significantly reduced law enforcement presence on the system, emboldening criminal activity
- No specialized services such as Detectives, Mental Health Teams, K-9 Teams, transit trained deputies, Special problem teams just to name a few
- Makes Los Angeles County a major target for terrorism on our public transit

Violent Crimes are Constant

- Prior to the pandemic, in 2019 over 370 million people rode Metro
- That's an average of over 1 million riders a day
- Post pandemic we have over 200 million riders per year
- Although we have seen a reduction of riders due to the pandemic, crime has remained constant
- In 2019 we saw a total of 1415 part 1 crimes,
- In 2020 we saw a total of 966 part 1 crimes,
- and in 2021 we have had 711 part 1 crimes through August
- In the past three years there have been 6 murders, 26 rapes, and 1450 robberies or assaults
- These stats show that we need to increase the number of law enforcement officers, not abolish them

Video of Crimes Occurring on the Transit System

- **Video 1:** Redondo Sexual Assault occurred on March 29, 2019. Male suspect exposes himself then forcefully sexually assaults the victim on the moving train.
- **Video 2:** Vermont Station Assault occurred on December 19, 2020. A male (suspect) and female (suspect) are seen viciously attacking an older male (victim) inside of the train and stomping on his head will unconscious. The male is left unconscious on the floor of the train after being punched and kicked repeatedly.
- **Video 3:** Indiana Station Shooting occurred on January 29, 2021. A suspect walks up to the train operator's booth and shoots at the operator from the outside. The operator exits the booth towards the train cart. The suspect enters the car and shoots another

round at the operator. The suspect exited the train and ran from the location. The train operator sustained a gunshot wound.

- **Video 4:** Lakewood Station Sexual Assault occurred on May 25, 2021. A male (suspect) is seen sexually assaulting an intoxicated female (passenger) on the train. The train stops and the suspects drags the victim off the train. The suspects then continues to sexually assault the victim on the platform. The suspect was arrested at the location.
- **Video 5:** Del Amo Stabbing occurred on June 28, 2021. Several males are seen assaulting a passenger on the train. The passenger who was assaulted then began stabbing the males with a knife and began chasing them around the platform causing significant injuries. The suspect was arrested at the location.
- **Video 6:** Artesia Station Multiple Assaults occurred August 16, 2021. A Male (suspect) is seen on the train platform assaulting numerous innocent victims, including throwing one individual on the tracks.
- **Video 7:** Crenshaw Station Stabbing occurred on August 28, 2021. A male suspect is seen violently stabbing an innocent male victim, unprovoked, multiple times in the face and neck area. The victim survived.
- **Video 8:** Wilmington Station Shooting occurred September 24, 2021. Three males (suspects) started a fight with three males (victims) inside of the train. One of the suspects had a firearm and began to shoot the victims. During the fight the three victims were shot and an innocent bystander riding the train was shot. The three victims who were involved in the fight are still recovering from their gunshot wounds. The innocent bystander who was shot suffered a gunshot wound to his foot. Two of the suspects have been arrested and one remains at large.