Manhunt underway in Brooklyn subway shooting; Frank R. James identified as suspect

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Wounded people lie at the 36th Street subway station after the shooting. Armen Armenian, via Reuters
Horrific Crimes on the Metro Transit System

- **September 2020** – Man ambushed and shot 2 deputies at Metro Compton Station
- **January 2021** – Train Operator shot while onboard train at Metro Indiana Station
- **April 2021** – LAPD shot an armed suspect at 7th / Metro Station
- **September 2021** – 4 passenger inside of moving train shot by known gang members at Metro Wilmington Station
- **November 2021** – Passenger fatally shot in the head, execution then suspect attempted to kill responding Deputies at Metro Wilmington Station
- **April 2022** – Passenger disemboweled during knife attack on train at Metro Willowbrook Station

Source: Twitter 2022
Unsafe Environment

- This is unsafe for the homeless
  - **February 2022** - Homeless man cut in half by train after sleeping on tracks
  - **April 2022** – Homeless man died on train and rode for more than six hours

- This is an unsafe environment between commuters and violent homeless individuals
  - **May 2021** – Elderly passenger pushed onto tracks by homeless person at Long Beach platform
  - **January 2022** – Passenger pushed onto tracks by homeless person at Willowbrook Station
  - **January 2022** - Sandra Shells attacked and killed at a bus stop near Union Station
  - **March 2022** - Person pushed on tracks at 7th and Metro PAX by homeless person, suffered head trauma.
LASD and Metro

- LASD providing law enforcement services for Metro since 1997
- LASD has always had full-time personnel strictly assigned and trained for public transit policing
- Currently, LASD has over 300 dedicated personnel
  - Specially trained transit patrol deputies
  - Explosive detection K-9s
  - Anti-terrorism trained specialized transit deputies
  - Transit mental evaluation teams and clinicians
  - Transit detectives
  - Dedicated transit dispatch center
Decline - LASD Defunded by Metro Board

• In 2017, after 14 years of being the sole law enforcement provider for Metro, the Metro board decided to move to a multi-agency contract

• LASD contract was reduced to the lowest possible staffing levels by Metro Board, endangering public safety

Metro approves a $797-million security plan that reduces the power of the Sheriff’s Department

Los Angeles Times
Public Safety Advisory Committee

Purpose and role

The PSAC will work with Metro’s System Security and Law Enforcement, Office of the CEO, Office of Civil Rights, Office for Equity and Race, Communications Department and Office of Customer Experience in developing a community-based approach to public safety on the transit system. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Identifying alternatives to armed law enforcement response to nonviolent crimes and code of conduct violations.
- A shift of resources from armed law enforcement to the above strategies.
# LASD TSB Part 1 Crime Statistics

**2019 - Present**

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Reasons for Rise in Crime

• Metro Board created an administrative court regarding Code of Conduct violations.
• Due to Metro Board’s decision, LASD no longer able to enforce code of conduct on the system including:
  • Trespassing
  • Urinating
  • Defecating
  • Spitting
  • Loud Music
  • Loitering
  • Fare Enforcement

Source: Twitter 2022
Like libraries and parks, Metro has found itself thrust into the heart of the region’s homelessness crisis, forced to become a de facto social services agency of its own. In 2018, it launched the first of its kind outreach initiative to find and offer shelter to homeless riders. The program began as a $1.2-million project and has mushroomed into a $27.5-million initiative that includes an 80-bed shelter and dozens of outreach workers.

But the problem just keeps growing. There are hundreds of encampments on or near Metro-owned property, facilities, and rights-of-way. The agency counted 5,700 homeless riders on their system in August.
Doesn’t Have to be Like This

• LASD will be submitting a bid for the entire system, and only the entire system.

• Contingent on LASD being allowed to enforce code of conduct and fares when necessary.

• LASD is able to save Metro over $30 million in law enforcement services by becoming the sole law enforcement provider.

• These savings can allow Metro to increase staffing for law enforcement, fund their Ambassador Program, and provide more services to their patrons.
Transit Contract

Effective July 1, 2022 LASD will redeploy our personnel to other critical public safety needs, absent a commitment by the MTA Board upon expiration of the contract.