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Board Report

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 22, 2018

SUBJECT: FREE METRO TRANSIT SERVICE ON EARTH DAY 2018

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE free METRO transit service on Earth Day (April 22, 2018).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Letter from Chair Garcetti

Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer

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ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 8, 2018

Mr. Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Dear Mr. Washington:

Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day – a day that focuses our attention on advocating for a healthy, sustainable environment for ourselves and our children. Earth Day serves as a reminder that we must take action to clean the air, reduce Green House Gas emissions and combat climate change.

Because of our efforts to drastically cut GHG emissions, in 2017 Los Angeles experienced the lowest ever average number of unhealthy days since data collection began. Thanks to your vision and leadership, MTA is doing more to shuttle riders across Los Angeles County's 4,721 square miles and secure our environmental future. However, Los Angeles remains the city with the worst ozone pollution in the United States.

Although there is more to be done, we are on the right path. Your efforts to convert MTA's bus fleet from CNG to all zero emission vehicles by 2030 may prove to be the most impactful long-term action taken. Still, we must do more to convince Angelenos to save their gas and parking money, and travel stress-free on a transit system that is growing quickly thanks to funding from Measure M and the accelerated building schedule outlined in Twenty-eight by 2028.

For these reasons, I ask that you make all bus and rail service free on Earth Day for riders to explore how MTA can relieve the stress of travel and save money. I look forward to working with you to make this possible.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

Cc: Metro Board of Directors