

Board Report

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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION RESPONSE PROCEDURES AND LEGAL PROTOCOLS FOR

IMMIGRATION CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGENTS

ACTION: RECEIVE ORAL REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on demonstration response procedures and legal protocols for Immigration Customs Enforcement Agents.

ISSUE

This report outlines Metro's procedures for managing service disruptions during protests or civil demonstrations, including how decisions are made around temporary bus detours and rail station closures and rider communication, including the period between June 6 - June 25. It will also cover the agency's protocols when interacting with law enforcement entities such as ICE, emphasizing adherence to legal requirements while maintaining a safe transit environment for both frontline employees and riders.

EQUITY PLATFORM

Metro's response protocols during protests and demonstrations are guided by a commitment to safety first, clear communication, and rider access. The agency aims to minimize disproportionate impacts on communities that rely most on transit, particularly those historically underserved. Communication strategies are designed to reach all riders, including those with limited English proficiency or without digital access.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

As part of these ongoing efforts, this item is expected to contribute to further reductions in VMT. This item supports Metro's systemwide strategy to reduce VMT through operational activities that will maintain and further encourage transit ridership, ridesharing, and active transportation. Metro's Board -adopted VMT reduction targets were designed to build on the success of existing investments, and this item aligns with those objectives.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

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Presentation

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