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January 20, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
 County of Los Angeles
 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
 Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

18 January 27, 2015

Patrick Ogawa
 PATRICK OGAWA
 ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE AN ORDINANCE POSITION AUTHORITY FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS
 RELATED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, AND THE
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
 (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) seeks approval of an Ordinance Position Authority increase related to the Law Enforcement Services Agreement (Agreement) between the County, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink). The Ordinance Position Authority provides for additional positions for the formation of the Department's Transit Policing Division (TPD) and the reorganization of the Department's Metrolink Bureau.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize and approve, pursuant to County Code Section 6.06.020, an Ordinance Position Authority increase for the Department, which includes the addition of two commanders (Item Number 2723), one captain (Item Number 2721), two senior secretary Vs (Item Number 2104), one management secretary V (Item Number 2111), two administrative services manager Is (Item Number 1002), and two operations assistant IIs (Item Number 1229) to be formally established as part of the Department's budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The goal of providing safe and secure transit for Metro and Metrolink has been a primary objective of the Department since the inception of the Agreement between Metro, Metrolink, and the Department.

As the transit system has grown with increased ridership and public interest, the concern for terrorism that targets mass transit along with the daily prevention of criminal activity, requires the Department to take the necessary steps to grow with the transit system. The Department recognizes the need to initiate organizational growth to the police services and management provided to Metro and Metrolink. In order to meet this goal, the Department has initiated the formation of the Department's TPD.

The proposed formation of the Department's TPD will ultimately include the expansion of the Department's Metrolink Unit to the level of a bureau, create a new Central Operations Bureau, and reorganize the Department's Transit Services Bureau into Transit Bureau North and Transit Bureau South (Bureaus). The Department's Bureaus will require the administrative and operational support of the TPD Headquarters. The development of the Department's Bureaus and TPD Headquarters will be implemented in two phases. The Department's TPD structure will be consistent with the configuration of the Department's existing divisions and bureaus.

Phase One will consist of the additional staffing for the Department's TPD Headquarters and the Department's Metrolink Bureau. Phase Two will consist of additional staffing for the Department's Central Operations Bureau, Transit Bureau North, and Transit Bureau South. The current request for the Ordinance Position Authority increase involves only Phase One of the Department's TPD development.

Phase One is planned for mid-year implementation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15, with an estimated cost of \$1.25 million for six months to fund the Department's TPD Headquarters, and the captain position for the Department's Metrolink Bureau. The annual recurring cost for Phase One will be \$2.5 million each FY. Metro will fund the Department's TPD Headquarters, and Metrolink will fund the captain position. The County's Chief Executive Office (CEO) has approved the request for reorganization. Refer to Attachment A from the CEO (Request for Reorganization – Creation of Transit Policing Division).

The Agreements between the County, Metro, and Metrolink have provided benefits to the County as a whole, primarily resulting in greater visibility and faster response times to train and bus line incidents. This has enhanced the Department's ability to deploy personnel and other resources during times of mutual aid, disaster, and emergency. The Department has been able to expand partnerships, provide greater responsiveness, and increase regional focus on reducing crime, as a result of serving Metro and Metrolink within the County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action would enhance the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability; Goal 2, Community Support and Responsiveness; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, by maintaining a law enforcement presence in and around the train and bus lines throughout the Metro and Metrolink systems.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None. Metro will fund the Department's TPD Headquarters, and Metrolink will fund the captain position according to the appropriate and prevailing billing rates as determined by the County's Auditor-Controller for FY 2014-15. The suspension of the liability surcharge during the FY 2014-15 allowed for the early implementation of Phase One. Monies from the suspension will be used to fund Phase One.

Phase Two (Central Operations Bureau) implementation is planned for FY 2015-16, pending contract renewal with Metro. Once the contract is secured, Phase Two will be funded through the contract Agreement and via the appropriate and prevailing billing rates as determined by the County's Auditor-Controller for FY 2015-16.

The Agreement specifies that the billing rates change at the beginning of each FY as determined by the County's Auditor-Controller, pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Board.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department's request for approval to create the Department's TPD and commence with the Phase One portion of the development will include two commanders, one captain, two senior secretary Vs, one management secretary V, two administrative services manager Is, and two operations assistant IIs. The reorganization will allow for the continued provision of law enforcement services to Metro by the Department. The formation of the planned reorganization shall commence upon execution by the Board through June 30, 2015, and beyond with an anticipated renewal contract Agreement between the Department and Metro on July 1, 2015. Metrolink has the option to extend their contract for one additional year through June 30, 2016.

The chief's position for the Department's TPD will be filled using an existing ordinance only chief's position.

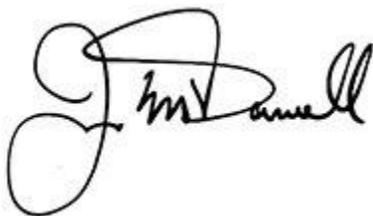
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This reorganization will have no negative impact on the services provided by the Department to Metro and Metrolink, and will ultimately benefit and improve services currently provided by the Department to Metro and Metrolink. The reorganization will enhance administrative and operational support needed for law enforcement services provided to Metro and Metrolink (refer to Attachment B).

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please forward a copy of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Contract Law Enforcement Bureau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McDonnell". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and "M".

JIM McDONNELL
Sheriff

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Enclosures



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December 10, 2014

To: Captain Judy A. Gerhardt, Personnel Director
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From: Paul Coyne, Acting Manager
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Assignment No. 14-183

REQUEST FOR REORGANIZATION – CREATION OF TRANSIT POLICING DIVISION

We have reviewed the department's request to reorganize the Metrolink Unit (15808) and Transit Services Bureau (15815) to create the Transit Policing Division (15682) within the Patrol Clearing Budget Unit, which would be comprised of the following:

- Transit Policing Division Headquarters (15682) – Manages the budget and personnel matters of the division;
- Central Operations Bureau (15682) – This bureau is from the consolidation of the current support resources of the Transit Services Bureau (15815) and Metrolink Unit (15808). These support resources include the Threat Interdiction Unit, Explosive Detection Canine Team, Crime Impact Teams, Crisis Response Unit, Detective, Training and Scheduling, Special Projects, and Logistics;
- Transit Bureau North (15682) – This bureau is from the existing Transit Services Bureau (15815), and will provide law enforcement services to specific regional areas;
- Transit Bureau South (15682) – This bureau is also from the existing Transit Services Bureau (15815), and will provide law enforcement services to specific regional areas; and
- Metrolink Bureau (15682) – The Metrolink Bureau is an expansion of the Metrolink Unit that previously existed. It is being expanded in response to the expected growth of service the Metropolitan Transit Authority will be providing to the greater metropolitan Los Angeles area.

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Captain Judy A. Gerhardt
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According to the Department, the reorganization is based on the department's supporting role to provide the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) safe and secure transit for the Los Angeles Metropolitan region through the provision of comprehensive contract law enforcement services to MTA's bus and rail networks and the expected growth of such.

In support of the department's goal and in recognition of the expansion of MTA's growing services, our office approves the reorganization as requested. Attached are the approved position movements.

If you have any questions regarding our findings and recommendations, please contact Irish Wong at (213) 893-7818.

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Attachment

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PATROL CLEARING BUDGET UNIT (15682)
TRANSIT POLICING DIVISION (TPD)
OCTOBER 14, 2014

