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OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE MAY 21, 2020

SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON COVID-19 SERVICE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on COVID-19 Service Update.

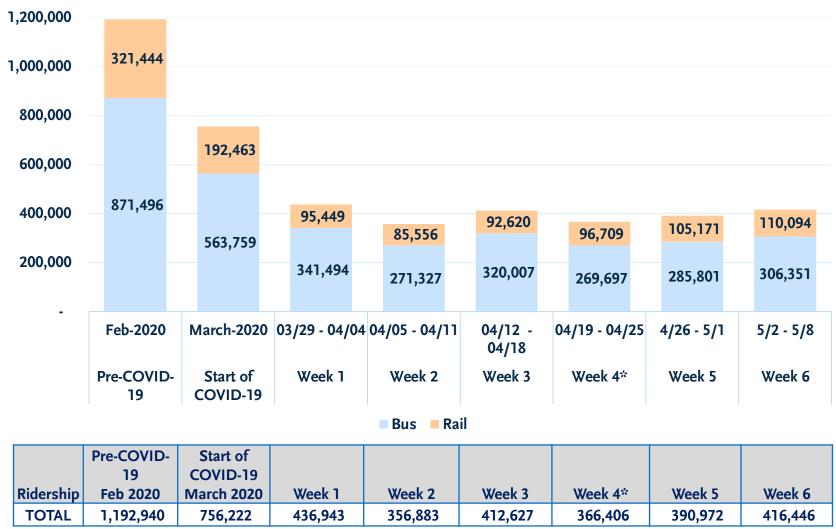
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COO Oral Report COVID-19 - Service & Recovery Plan Update



Weekly Ridership Update (Late March – Early May)

SYSTEMWIDE AVERAGE WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP



^{*}Deployed Enhanced-Sunday Schedule on 04/19/20

Implementation of Enhanced-Sunday Service Plan

Implemented on Sunday, April 19, 2020

- Weekday Service: Sunday bus service plus all Rapid and most Local/Express service that normally does not run on Sunday, with additional trips to address early morning weekday demand and capacity for social distancing
- All trains run every 12 minutes between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and every 20 minutes at other times with last trains leaving terminal stations at midnight
- Weekend Service: Sunday service for bus and rail lines
- As of Monday, May 11, 2020, Operations added trip(s) on 16 lines (11 directly operated, 5 contracted) and articulated buses on 6 other lines
- Service and customer feedback is actively being monitored so adjustments can be made

Completed B Line (Red) Partial Station Closures – As of Tuesday, April 28, 2020

- 1. Union Station (West Entrance)
- 2. Civic Center/Grand Park (1st St Entrance)
- 3. Pershing Square (4th St N/W Entrance)
- 4. 7th St/Metro Center (Hope St Entrance)
- 5. Westlake/MacArthur Park (North Entrance)
- 6. Vermont/Santa Monica (City College Entrance)
- 7. Universal City/Studio City (Park & Ride/CityWalk Entrance)

Workforce Impacts, Corporate Safety & Mask Requirement

Workforce Update As of May 14, 2020

- FFCRA Leaves: Based on last pay period (4/19 5/2) data, COVID-19 related absenteeism continues to affect about 15.5% of the workforce
- Confirmed Cases: 67 (36 employees, 27 contractors, 4 vendors)
- Confirmed Deaths: 1 (0 employees, 1 contractor, 0 vendors)
- Recovered Cases: 9 (9 employee, 0 contractors, 0 vendors)

Mandatory Mask Requirement, Employee Symptom Self-Check & Social Distancing Protocol

- As of Monday, May 11, 2020, Metro is requiring customers to wear masks/face coverings when riding Metro
- Field observations show that about 90% of customers are wearing masks
- All Operations personnel are required to:
 - 1. Conduct Employee Symptom Self-Checks prior to entering work locations
 - 2. Wear masks/face coverings and/or required PPE (N95 respirator masks, safety goggles, etc.)
 - 3. Maintain physical distancing to the extent practical when performing their job functions
 - 4. Utilize barriers and rear-door boarding



Cleaning Regimes & Consideration of Additional Cleaning Activities

Increased Cleaning Regimes & Hand Sanitizer Dispensers

- Strengthened cleaning regimes in addition to regular cleaning activities on all vehicles, stations & terminals
- Focus cleaning efforts on high touchpoint areas, and at operating Divisions & locations
- Cleaning vehicles multiple times a day, prior to the start of and at the end of revenue service
- Continued use of Corporate Safety approved disinfectants & cleaning materials

Additional Cleaning Activities

- UV Lights Operations, General Services and Corporate Safety are exploring the pilot use of UV lights on Metro vehicles and stations
- End-of-Line Terminal Cleaning Operations cleaning and sanitation during revenue service

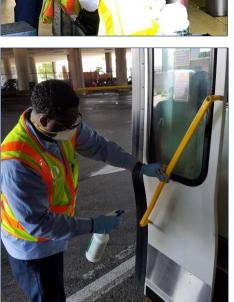
PPE Update

- Running total to date: over 770,000 pairs of gloves, over 623,000 masks, and over 45,000 hand sanitizers have been distributed to field locations
- Continue to monitor all PPE usage and order as necessary



Highlight - Operations Frontline Employees

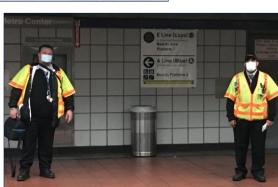










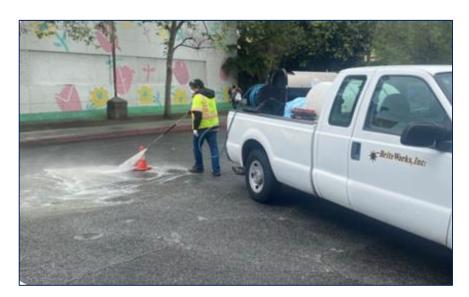


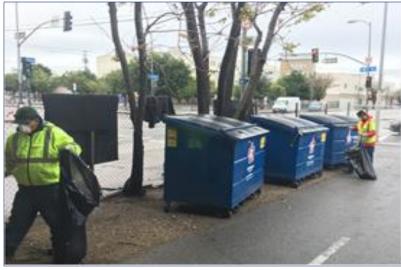






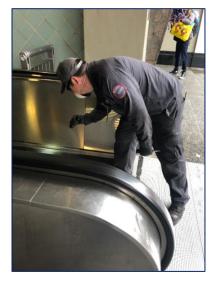
Highlight - Operations Contractors













Climbing Back from a Crisis

COVID-19 **Transit Service Recovery Plan Framework**



Recovery Plan Objectives

- Build up service levels based on sustainable resources & demand to support recovery
- Follow principles established by NextGen
- 3 Integrate with capital projects under construction
- Incorporate post-COVID-19 standards (e.g. social distancing & cleanliness regimes)
- Nimble to easily adjust to changing trends in travel & economic indicators



Social Distancing Impacts

Current Impacts of Social Distancing

Current COVID-19 max load standards

- 40' bus from 52 to 15 (71% reduction)
- 60' bus from 74 to 30 (59% reduction)
- LRT car from 133 to 35 (74% reduction)
- HRT car from 124 to 25 (80% reduction)

Bus service adds required due to overloads

- 15/30 standard/artic load standard
 - 12% more trips needed
 - 9,920 RSH/wk (\$51.6M annually)
- 20/35 standard/artic load standard
 - 4% more trips needed
 - 3,313 RSH/wk (\$17.2M annually)

Program to Safely Reduce Social Distancing

Reduce demand

- Necessary trips only
- Transport not homeless housing

Spread Loads

- Travel shoulders of peak if can
- Telecommute/staggered hours

Customer Code of Conduct

- Self discipline for mask wearing
- Everyone must practice good hygiene

New Cleaning Regimes

- End of line bus/rail car cleaning
- Increase rail station/bus terminal cleaning

New technology

UV filters

Marketing campaign

- Advertise everything we do
- We're in this together help us make transit a safer & more comfortable trip

Protect Front Line Employees

- PPEs
- Manage emotions & anxieties

Revise load standard as parts of program are achieved



Bus Recovery Plan Phasing

(Draft) **BASE** PHASE 1 PHASE 2 PHASE 3 PHASE 4 **COVID-19 Enhanced** "Orders Begin "Schools Back "Emerging "NextGen's **Sunday Service** Markets" **New Normal**" Lifting" in Session" Begin full buildout of Provide for essential Proactively establish frequent core network for first React to patterns of sustainable NextGen Plan **Objective** travel only wave of non-essential workers/students returning emerging econ. growth after PH and approval **Timing July - Aug 2020** Dec 2020 - Jan 2021 April 2020 May - June 2020 **Sept - Nov 2020 Est. Service** 5.0M 5.4M 5.8M 6.1M 6.5-7.0M Levels - Reduce underutilized - Tier 1,2 - Addt'l freq. - Implement market - Implement routing changes - Sunday Base **Service** (focus on off peak) specific service - Consolidate Rapids / Locals peak service - Add weekday **Adjustments** - Rightsize added - Tier 3,4 - mod. increase packages where & - Enhance Tier 1,2 & Locals, Rapids weekday Rapids in freq. (midday focus) weekend freq. to NextGen when data shows - Add extra temp service - School trippers levels adjusted to "New emerging markets - Tier 1,2 - mod. increase Normal" Weekends – maintain in freq. (midday focus) Eliminate underutilized Sun service - Tier 3,4 & Weekends service & implement maintain Sun service MicroTransit

