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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2020**

**SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE report by the **Chief Executive Officer**.



# Fareless System Initiative (OPERATION FSI)

*Exploratory/Action Task Force*



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# FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE (OPERATION FSI) – MAKING THE CASE

**Public Transportation is a public service and should be treated no different than other City/County services.**

**Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to COVID-19 per 100K  
August 16, 2020**

		Mortality Rate
<b>Los Angeles County Total</b>		<b>48</b>
Race/Ethnicity	Asian	37
	Black/African American	55
	Hispanic/Latino	73
	White	27
Area Poverty	<10% area poverty	25
	10% to <20% area poverty	48
	20% to <30% area poverty	65
	30% to 100% area poverty	101

## Opportunity

CEO believes that Metro has a moral obligation to explore how a fareless system can aid those that have been hit hardest by the pandemic.

If approved, this initiative will change the social and economic fabric of our region and like firefighting and police services would be fully paid out of the public purse as a social and public right and common good.



## FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE (OPERATION FSI) – OVERARCHING GOALS

- Equity/Economic Parity
- Congestion Relief
- Rethinking public streets and town squares

## FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE (OPERATION FSI) – STUDY PRIORITIES

- Funding Opportunities
- Determining Agency Costs
- Impacts of Fareless Rides
- As a Mitigation for Targeting BIPOC on the System
- Increased Ridership vs. Challenges of the Unhoused
- Implementation



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## FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE (OPERATION FSI) – IN THE MEANTIME...

- Traffic Reduction Study
- Comprehensive Pricing Study
- Fare Collection Continues



# FSI EXPLORATORY (OPERATION FSI) – TASK FORCE MEMBERS

## Co-Leads:

- doreen Morrissey, Planning
- Dennis Tucker, Human Capital & Development

## Members:

- Shawn Atlow, Planning
- Shonda Breland, Bus Operation
- Bahram Chaudhry, ITS
- Ernesto Chaves, Program Management
- Koreyne Clarke, Office of Management & Budget
- Devon Deming, Communications (Commute Services)
- Michael Flores, Vendor/Contract Management
- Imelda Hernandez, Safety Security & Law Enforcement
- Elba Higueros, Office of the CEO
- Roderick Hodge, Rail Operation
- Desarae Jones, Communications (Government Relations)
- Mark Linsenmayer, Congestion Reduction
- Rafael Martinez, Risk, Safety & Asset Management
- Ayda Safaei, Communications (Construction Relations)
- Teyanna Williams, Human Capital & Development
- Jonaura Wisdom, Office of Civil Rights & Inclusion



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## FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE (OPERATION FSI) – NEXT STEPS

- Exploratory Task Force will convene on September 1, 2020
- Recommendation to the CEO, SLT and ultimately to the Board before the end of calendar year 2020





**Thank you**



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