

## 14.3 LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### **[POLICY][T&I] Letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority -**

Discussion and possible action regarding a letter to be sent to Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) regarding a) Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit, b) a request to postpone the adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan for at least a year, and c) the NextGen Bus Service Proposal.

**MOTION:** The MVCC supports sending a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) regarding a) Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit, b) a request to postpone the adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan for at least a year, and c) the NextGen Bus Service Proposal. (wording below)

**Background:** *(from the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Neighborhood Council's Land Use and Planning Committee)*

Local Neighborhood Councils are being asked to follow the lead of the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) in making the following requests of the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Board of Directors regarding the issues below:

1) To lower Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit for 60' busses from 30 to 20 in order to enable safer Social Distancing and increasing frequency of affected routes to make up for the reduced seating capacity.

(page 10: <https://metro.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8440603&GUID=9EF26710-8673-4084-9E00-857DF87460E5> )

2) To postpone the adoption of the LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) for at least a year. The LRTP in its current form is based entirely on pre-COVID-19 data. It would make more sense to wait until we have a better understanding of how the COVID-19 crisis reshapes working and commuting behavior before adopting a plan for the next 10+ years of transit policy.

3) To oppose the NextGen Bus Service Proposal which eliminates the 218 line connecting the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. Additionally, to request that the 234/734 line should connect to Westwood and Expo/Sepulveda Station from the San Fernando Valley.