

Executive Management Audit Committee  
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**REVISED Motion by Directors Yaroslavsky, O'Connor, DuBois and Villaraigosa**

In February, 2008, the Metro Board of Directors approved installation of a barrier gate system for the Red and Purple Subway Lines, as well as some of the light rail line stations along the Gold, Blue and Green Lines. Since that time, the gates have been installed, but have yet to be locked.

Late last month, Metro embarked on a demonstration to lock gates once a week over the course of four weeks, at four stations during off-peak timeframes. The stations chosen were Hollywood/Western, Vermont/Beverly, Wilshire/Normandie and Wilshire/Western. These stations were selected because they have one entrance and limited transfer activity. This initial demonstration concluded yesterday.

While the board has yet to see data on the results of the demonstration, a group of directors took the time to witness one of the demonstration and found that it went quite smoothly; there were no major incidents and most telling was the increase in ticket vending activity. Staff was on hand to assist patrons, distribute TAP cards and provide instruction on how to load the TAP card from the ticket vending machines.

This initial exercise is an important first step toward implementing a full closure of the gates, however, it is necessary that we expand on this demonstration and include stations that are more heavily traveled as well as conduct peak hour analysis.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the demonstration to lock gates be expanded and include at least six additional stations. These stations should include 7<sup>th</sup>/ Metro, ~~Union Station~~ and North Hollywood. In addition to off-peak timeframes, the demonstration should also include some peak-hour closures.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the data from the completed demonstration be made available to the Board within the next two weeks and this information should include, but not be limited to, a breakdown of fare media used: how many patrons had monthly, weekly or day passes, cash riders, transfers, Metrolink passes, etc; the increase in ticket vending machine activity compared to when the gates were not locked during the same period in previous weeks and the number of citations issued.