

**Metro**Los Angeles County  
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metro.net**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 23, 2012****SUBJECT: REWARD FOR INFORMATION****ACTION: RATIFICATION OF REWARD****RECOMMENDATION**

Ratify the action of the Board Chair in offering a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of a suspect who assaulted a Metro bus operator on Friday, May 10, 2013.

**BACKGROUND**

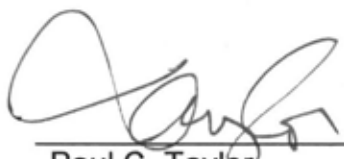
On Friday, May 10, 2013 at approximately 7:35 p.m., Metro Bus Line 150 in Studio City was traveling along Ventura Boulevard at Laurel Canyon Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley and a suspect boarded and became angry with the bus operator over a fare dispute. The suspect caused bodily harm to the bus operator, knocking him unconscious. The suspect then exited the bus and fled the location in an unknown direction. The Metro bus operator, a six-year veteran of Metro, suffered injuries to his head and was transported to Sherman Oaks Hospital where he was treated and later released. Transit Service Bureau (TSB) of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) is the lead agency investigating the incident.

On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, Metro Board Chair Michael Antonovich authorized a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator responsible for the assault. The suspect is currently in custody.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

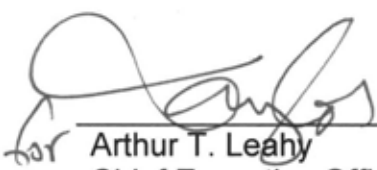
Funding for this reward will be provided from Metro's General Fund/Board Contingency appropriation fund.

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