

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**November 20, 2013****MOTION BY DIRECTORS YAROSLAVSKY and KREKORIAN****ORANGE LINE FARE ENFORCEMENT****Item 18**

The Orange Line is one of the most successful bus lines in our system. After the 720 along Wilshire Boulevard, it has the second highest amount of daily boardings in the entire system. Last month alone the average daily boarding was 31,780 – a 19% increase over the course of two years. As a Bus Rapid Transit Line on its own guideway, it operates like a light rail line. Passengers must TAP at the station using the stand alone validators prior to boarding the bus. Fares are never collected on the bus. As a result, fare collection has been problematic, and while fare enforcement nearly tripled in September from July and August, it is still only 1/3 of our target.

I have received numerous complaints through the years from constituents who feel that many passengers do not pay for their ride and that the location of the validators, lack of signage, fare boxes and overall design of the stations, discourages payment.

It is time we look at what can be done to increase fare collection along the Orange Line, whether it be inclusion of fare boxes on the buses, installation of more validators or perhaps some type of gating. Deployment of more Sheriffs and issuing more citations alone should not be our only option.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that staff evaluate options for increased fare collections along the Orange Line and report back before the board in 90 days, and that all alternatives be studied including but not limited to: gating, installation of fare boxes, validators, increased signage.

I, FURTHER MOVE that staff report back to the board at the January meeting on estimated fare evasion, using current TAP data along the Orange Line and boarding data to determine what level of evasion exists.