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October 11, 2024

BPC #24-217

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles, Room 395
c/o City Clerk's Office
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: CRIME STATISTICS ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 8, 2024, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Munoz".

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE **Reviewed:**

August 21, 2024
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Executive Director

9/5/24
Date

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CRIME STATISTICS ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
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RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) response to the City Council.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT to the Los Angeles City Council the attached response.

DISCUSSION

On May 10, 2024, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a Public Safety Committee Report (Council File No. 16-0358-S2) relative to crime on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). As a result, the City Council directed the LAPD, with the assistance of the LACMTA, to:

- Report on crime statistics on LACMTA trains, buses, platforms, and stations, and the Metro Ambassador Program, as outlined in the motion, from 2017 to the current time period, including the demographic breakdown of all victims, and including crimes committed by those that failed to pay the Metro Fare; and,
- Report on the scale of deployment and role of the Metro Ambassador Program and how it interacts and intersects with the LAPD, and other relevant law enforcement agencies to respond to calls for service from riders and transit operators, including bus operators.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Deputy Chief Donald R. Graham, Jr., Transit Services Bureau, at (213) 922-3614.

Respectfully,



DOMINIC H. CHOI
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
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Approved October 8, 2024
Secretary Rebecca Munoz

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Introduction.

It was requested that Transit Services Bureau (TSB) report back to the Los Angeles City Council regarding a Public Safety Committee Report (Council File No. 16-0358-S2) that was adopted relative to crime on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). The City Council directed the Department, with the assistance of the LACMTA, to:

- Report on crime statistics on LACMTA trains, buses, platforms, and stations, and the Metro Ambassador Program, as outlined in the motion, from 2017 to the current time period, including the demographic breakdown of all victims, and including crimes committed by those that failed to pay the Metro Fare; and,
- Report on the scale of deployment and role of the Metro Ambassador Program and how it interacts and intersects with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and other relevant law enforcement agencies to respond to calls for service from riders and transit operators, including bus operators.

Background.

On May 3, 2016, the City Council authorized the LAPD to submit a proposal to the LACMTA to provide contractual law enforcement services for critical transit infrastructure and bus/rail lines within the City of Los Angeles (Council File No. 16-0358). This proposal was submitted in response to a Request for Proposals for transit law enforcement services issued by LACMTA on February 5, 2016.

On February 23, 2017, the LACMTA Board of Directors approved a five-year contract with the LAPD as part of a multi-agency law enforcement services contract. The contract has since been modified and extended six times. The LAPD contract is currently extended for three years, through 2026, with an annual modification.

Findings.

TSB STAFFING & COSTS

Transit Services Bureau is contracted for 110 full-time personnel with the oversight of a Commander and Deputy Chief. However, on a 24/7, 365 days-a-year basis, we have 192 additional employees on overtime to enhance our full-time personnel on the system. The following is a breakdown of staffing:

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Annual Contract Full-Time Staffing

(FY 2017-18) Year 1: 69;
(FY 2018-19) Year 2: 118 (95 proposed + 23 modified);
(FY 2019-20) Year 3: 123 (100 proposed + 23 modified);
(FY 2020-21) Year 4: 125 (100 proposed + 23 modified + 2 K9);
(FY 2021-22) Year 5: 125;
(FY 2022-23) Year 6: 125; and,
(FY 2023-24) Year 7: 110.

Overview of the Contract Cost (5 to 8-year cost)

Original 5-year Contract Value: \$369 million;
Revised 5-year Contract Value: \$429 million;
Final 6-year Contract Value: \$512 million;
Final 7-year, Modification No. 8: \$617 million; and,
Contract Value with year 8, Modification No. 9: To be determined.

Breakdown of Current Full-Time Personnel

Management, Administrative, and Operations Support

Sworn: 10; and,
Civilians: 21;

Investigative:

Investigative Detectives: 3; and,
Crime Analysis Detail: 3.

Senior Lead Officers (SLO)

Sergeant II: 1; and,
SLO: 6.

Special Problems Unit (SPU)

Sergeant II: 1;
Sergeant I: 1;
Police Officer III: 4; and,
Police Officer II: 8.

Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement (HOPE)

Sergeant II+I: 1;
Police Officer III+I: 2; and,
Police Officer II+I: 8.

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Patrol

Lieutenant I: 3;
Sergeant II: 3;
Sergeant I: 22; and,
Police Officers: 6.

Bomb K9

Sergeant II+3: 1; and,
Police Officer III+3: 6.

TOTAL: 110 (24 civilian and 86 sworn)

Current Overtime Positions

- Watch 2 Deployment
11 supervisors, 56 officers (weekend); and,
11 supervisors, 60 officers (weekday + 4 motors).
- Watch 4 Deployment
11 supervisors, 56 officers (weekend); and,
11 supervisors, 60 officers (weekday + 4 motors).
- Watch 3 Deployment
8 supervisors, 42 officers (weekend & weekdays).
- **Total Daily Overtime Deployment Weekend: 184 Personnel**
- **Total Daily Overtime Deployment Weekday: 192 Personnel**

Total Breakdown of Weekend Deployment (184 Personnel)

- 30 Supervisors;
- 30 Bus Riding Team (BRT) officers;
- 124 Foot Beat (FB) officers; and,

Total Breakdown of Weekday Deployment (192 Personnel)

- 30 Supervisors;
- 30 Bus Riding Team (BRT) officers;
- 124 Foot Beat (FB) officers; and,
- 8 Motor Officers (Weekdays Only)

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Current Scope and Size of LAPD Contracted Responsibility

The LAPD is responsible for the law enforcement of 70% of the LACMTA system. This includes 52 rail platforms and 117 bus lines.

Six Rail Lines

- “A” (Blue) Line, Azusa to Long Beach;
- “B” (Red) Line, North Hollywood to Union Station;
- “C” (Green) Line, Redondo Beach to Norwalk;
- “D” (Purple) Line, Wilshire/Western to Union Station;
- “E” (Expo) Line, Santa Monica to East LA; and,
- “K” (Crenshaw) Line, Expo/Crenshaw to Westchester.

Bus Lines

- “G” (Orange) Line, Chatsworth to North Hollywood; and,
- “J” (Silver) Line, Street Service in Downtown LA and San Pedro.
- There are 11,980 Metro Bus Stops, covering 117 bus lines, with over 2,200 buses deployed daily.

Note: Each of the three watches have five highly-visible Bus Riding Teams (BRT). Each BRT consists of two uniformed officers, or ten total officers for the watch, that are intended to augment the patrol force in providing police services to LACMTA’s bus service. The officers of the BRT will board buses on the lines and ride them up and down the line, as needed, to provide police presence for the ridership and Metro operators.

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CRIME STATS

In a 2024, year-to-date (YTD) comparison with 2023, overall violent crimes, such as homicides, robberies, rapes, and aggravated assaults are down. There has also been a decrease of property-related crimes, such as grand theft persons, burglaries, grand theft autos, and burglary from vehicles. This reduction is notwithstanding a 2024 YTD comparison with 2023 during the months of May 2023 to May 2024, where LACMTA had an increase of 2.3% in ridership on the rails, and an increase of 12.4% in ridership on the buses.

The below chart depicts the number of Part I and Part II crime on the Transit System from July 1, 2017, to June 9, 2024.

PART I & PART II CRIME

CRIME TYPE	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/24	TOTAL
Homicide	0	0	1	3	4	5	4	2	19
Rape 1	2	3	2	3	9	2	3	2	26
Rape 2	1	3	2	4	2	5	5	1	23
Robbery	126	237	220	135	190	232	260	68	1468
Robbery on Operator	0	3	3	1	0	3	4	2	16
Aggravated Assault (ADW)	83	192	201	179	273	313	366	94	1701
Aggravated Assault (ADW) on Operator	8	12	10	14	24	17	39	7	131
Total Part I Violent Crime	220	450	439	339	502	577	681	176	3384
Grand Theft Auto	6	2	3	3	2	2	36	3	57
Grand Theft Person	137	330	248	91	100	180	122	60	1268
Burglary Theft from Vehicle	8	19	33	21	21	8	26	3	139
Burglary	0	5	2	6	8	5	6	2	34
Theft	262	506	467	254	287	328	292	92	2488
Total Part I Property Crime	413	862	753	375	418	523	482	160	3986
Total Part I Crime	633	1312	1192	714	920	1100	1163	336	7370
Battery	311	684	738	545	642	753	893	267	4833
Battery on Operator	44	61	86	51	60	92	82	25	501
Kidnap	2	1	1	3	1	0	5	1	14
Kidnap on Operator	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sexual Battery	47	119	105	52	70	89	95	27	604
Sexual Battery on Operator	2	2	4	2	2	3	1	0	16
Trespass	20	65	114	75	88	118	1678	1398	3556
Vandalism	56	115	101	138	219	190	132	31	982
Other	45	117	136	110	125	122	131	35	821
Total Part II Crime	527	1164	1285	976	1208	1367	3017	1784	11328
Total	1160	2476	2477	1690	2128	2467	4180	2120	18698

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Note: There have been rail lines and platforms added to various sites throughout the City of Los Angeles, such as the Crenshaw “K” Line (Four platforms) and the Regional Connector (Three platforms) since the start of the contract.

The below chart depicts the Part- I Crime Victim Demographics:

PART I CRIME VICTIM DEMOGRAPHIC

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/24	TOTAL
Hispanic	440	925	951	640	821	974	1129	349	6229
Unknown	66	138	178	206	318	322	1631	1201	4060
Black	313	631	629	415	432	549	587	149	3705
White	221	507	438	275	352	360	480	149	2782
Other	77	184	190	104	145	180	286	240	1406
Asian	43	91	91	50	60	82	67	32	516
Total	1160	2476	2477	1690	2128	2467	4180	2120	18698

The below charts depict the Part I Crime Suspect Demographics:

PART I CRIME SUSPECT DEMOGRAPHIC - MALE

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/2024	TOTAL
Black	515	1060	815	471	577	718	734	238	5128
Hispanic	157	332	316	265	266	319	366	108	2129
White	32	66	68	48	79	68	75	24	460
Unknown	20	60	36	21	48	46	60	21	312
Other	5	6	6	11	6	7	6	3	50
Asian	3	6	6		3	3	4	2	27
Total	732	1530	1247	816	979	1161	1245	396	8106

PART I CRIME SUSPECT DEMOGRAPHIC - FEMALE

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/2024	TOTAL
Black	72	150	155	76	84	117	110	19	783
Hispanic	14	41	36	29	21	36	42	13	232
White	3	14	11	9	12	18	19	1	87
Unknown	1	18	3	3	6	7	6	2	46
Other	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	10
Asian	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
Total	92	223	205	119	126	181	179	36	1161

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PART I CRIME SUSPECT DEMOGRAPHIC - UNKNOWN SEX

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/2024	TOTAL
Unknown	12	19	22	14	22	24	19	6	138
Black	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	0	7
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	12	20	22	15	22	26	23	6	146

The below charts depict the Part II Crime Victim Demographics:

PART II CRIME VICTIM DEMOGRAPHIC - MALE

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/24	TOTAL
Hispanic	120	236	267	198	234	326	373	125	1879
White	62	159	129	97	137	109	235	87	1015
Black	59	126	180	110	94	129	162	34	894
Other	15	39	53	32	53	54	77	53	376
Asian	6	14	16	12	12	15	14	9	98
Unknown	3	5	7	2	9	7	10	18	61
Total	265	579	652	451	539	640	871	326	4323

PART II CRIME VICTIM DEMOGRAPHIC - FEMALE

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/24	TOTAL
Hispanic	100	201	237	164	207	230	245	81	1465
Black	65	147	144	108	119	132	138	39	892
White	22	79	70	47	57	60	82	12	429
Other	13	33	22	12	14	13	27	4	138
Asian	7	12	17	9	16	13	13	3	90
Unknown	0	2	3	3	4	2	1	1	16
Total	207	474	493	343	417	450	506	140	3030

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The below charts depict the Part II Crime Suspect Demographics:

PART II CRIME SUSPECT - MALE

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 THRU 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/2024	TOTAL
Black	258	609	698	441	575	658	1330	747	5316
Hispanic	150	313	295	271	294	383	789	529	3024
White	53	114	121	75	132	125	341	267	1228
Unknown	7	41	8	23	37	27	30	12	185
Other	8	25	27	18	23	19	51	31	202
Asian	3	5	6	8	6	4	12	10	54
Total	479	1107	1155	836	1067	1216	2553	1596	10009

PART II CRIME SUSPECT - FEMALE

ETHNICITY	07/01/2017 THRU 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/2024	TOTAL
Black	72	174	162	150	128	159	291	128	1264
Hispanic	37	61	67	61	47	63	132	73	541
White	16	31	28	34	31	36	65	43	284
Unknown	0	12	4	2	3	7	10	0	38
Other	2	7	5	3	4	7	8	2	38
Asian	0	2	1	1	0	2	3	0	9
Total	127	287	267	251	213	274	509	246	2174

The below chart depicts the number of Bus and Rail Operator Assaults:

BUS OR RAIL OPERATOR ASSAULTS

	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/24	TOTAL
Robbery on Bus Operator	0	3	3	1	0	3	4	2	16
Aggravated Assault on Bus Operator	8	12	10	13	24	15	39	7	128
Aggravated Assault on Rail Operator	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Battery on Bus Operator	44	55	84	48	54	90	79	25	479
Battery on Rail Operator	0	6	2	3	6	3	3	0	23
Kidnap on Bus Operator	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sexual Battery on Bus Operator	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	0	14
Sexual Battery on Rail Operator	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	54	78	103	68	87	116	126	34	666

* Please see Attachment A for additional information on narcotics-related arrests.

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AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The LACMTA Ambassador Program intersects with the LAPD, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), Long Beach Police Department (LBPd), and Metropolitan Transportation Security, as part of the multi-layered deployment.

The LACMTA Ambassador Program officially launched as a pilot program in March 2023. At its launch, ambassadors were supplied under contract for up to five years to LACMTA by Strive Well-Being Inc., a Small Business Enterprise firm, and RMI International Inc. (RMI), a Minority Business Enterprise firm.

Currently, the LACMTA reports employing over 300 ambassadors, with an average daily deployment of 200 ambassadors over two shifts (AM Shift: 5:30 am to 2 pm and PM Shift: 1:30 pm to 10 pm). Please see the Attachment B and Attachment C for Deployment Locations.

Deployment:

- Ambassador deployment is separated into six "Zones", encompassing the light and heavy rail train lines and major bus lines (G and J Lines);
- Ambassadors are deployed in teams of two, on-board trains, buses, at stations, and other key safety hot spots;
- Teams per Zone:
 - Zone 1: 6;
 - Zone 2: 14;
 - Zone 3: 14;
 - Zone 4: 36;
 - Zone 5: 24; and,
 - Zone 6: 6.

LACMTA Methodology for Deploying Ambassadors:

- **High visibility** – Establishing a regular ambassador presence on high ridership lines and routes;
- **Opportunities for customer experience improvements** – Addressing locations with high incidents of customer complaints/concerns, and the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility concerns (including rail or bus stations with elevators/escalators);
- **Public Safety "hot spots"** – Reviewing crime data to include bus operator assault data by bus route;
- Ambassadors **support** riders and employees, **connect** riders to resources and **report** incidents of cleanliness and safety to transit security and law enforcement, and key departments; and,
- Ambassadors are there to assist customers along their journey and act as additional eyes and ears on the LACMTA transit system.

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Although the LACMTA Ambassador Program and the LAPD Transit Services Division (TSD) deployment do not connect directly, such as pre-planned operations, coordinated deployment, or reporting of statistical information, many of the ambassador responsibilities and duties overlap with LAPD's commitment to the safety and security of LACMTA employees and ridership. These include the following:

- Provide in-person customer support to patrons in need;
- Identify public safety issues and notify the appropriate LACMTA department. This is commonly accomplished with LACMTA Transit Watch app;
- Monitor, observe, and assess situations and utilize training on de-escalation and public safety awareness to compliment LACMTA overall public safety strategies;
- Deter and report disruptive and criminal behavior;
- Identify people experiencing homelessness, mental health crises, and addiction, and communicate with the necessary field-based staff, including LACMTA workers, LACMTA System Security, and Law Enforcement; and,
- Coordinate directly with LACMTA Operations, System Security, and law enforcement Departments to report and respond to any incidents or public safety issues.

The LAPD and the LACMTA hold weekly Crime Control calls, every Tuesday, that discuss crime and deployment as part of the multi-layered approach to addressing safety on the transit system.

FARE EVASION

In 2017, the LAPD's first Statement of Work (SOW) included the expectation that law enforcement would conduct fare evasion and Code of Conduct enforcement in Section 1.1. The references to the original sections are listed below:

- i) Remove persons without a valid transit fare from buses, trains, buildings and stations; and,
- q) Enforce LACMTA Code of Conduct.

Between December 7, 2018, to August 8, 2021, the LAPD utilized the provided LACMTA Mobile Phone Validators and printers to cite for 6-05-230 LACMTA Code of Conduct Fare Evasion.

Note: From March 2020 through January 2022, the fare evasion enforcement for LAPD was suspended due to COVID.

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The below chart provides the combined numbers of all Code of Conduct citations completed by the LAPD. The review determined that the majority of these citations were related to fare evasion or loitering in the system without paying. Additionally, in 2022, the LAPD was not issued from LACMTA, nor deploying, the equipment necessary (LACMTA Mobile Phone Validators and printers) to issue Code of Conduct citations. However, there were occasions where officers would work in tandem with LACMTA security officers, who were able to utilize this equipment which would lead to the variance.

07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022
4	78	327	0	0	74

Modification No. 5, dated, January 1, 2022, codified the end of fare evasion and Code of Conduct enforcement by law enforcement. From January 2023 through February 2023, the LACMTA instituted a re-education program to advise the public they were reinstituting fare enforcement.

As of July 1, 2023, to current, the revised SOW for contract Modification No. 8 does not include an expectation that law enforcement enforce LACMTA Code of Conduct nor fare evasion.

Rather than enforcing fare evasion, the LAPD has been initiating visual inspections for the possession of a Transit Access Pass (TAP) card, effective January 1, 2024.

TRANSIT ACCESS PASS (TAP) CHECKS

In 2023, the LAPD began checking the ridership for being in possession of a LACMTA TAP card. The premise of this inspection was that if the rider did not have a physical or electronic TAP card in their possession, then they did not have means to pay for the fare. Officers merely visually confirmed that patrons possessed a LACMTA TAP card. The TAP inspection verified patrons were legally entitled to traverse within the system. Officers were not checking if the TAP cards had available funds for payment, nor scanning the TAP card to determine if/when the patron had last used the card, since the hand-held equipment required for this process was not authorized nor issued by LACMTA to the LAPD, based on Modification No. 8.

Transit Services Division started collecting data on individuals arrested by TSD officers who did not possess a LACMTA TAP Card on January 1, 2024. There was no information gathering regarding available funds on the TAP cards, etc, because the strategy of only visually inspecting for a TAP card became fully implemented in May 2023.

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The chart below shows the number of TAP Card inspections conducted by TSD officers, the total number of arrests made as a result of the TAP Card inspections, and the number of those arrested who did not have a TAP Card.

April 2, 2023, thru December 31, 2023		January 1, 2024, thru June 9, 2024	
TAP Card Inspections	505,943	TAP Card Inspections	375,051
No TAP Card	2042	No TAP Card	1041
Arrests	2111	Arrests	1154

The TSD data below related to arrests, as a result of various sources, such as calls for service, observation arrests by LAPD officers, citizens reporting a crime to the LAPD, narcotics arrests, etc., began on January 1, 2024 to August 14, 2024. The information below revealed the arrestees who did not possess TAP cards. Therefore, 93% of the following arrestees did not possess a TAP card:

January 1, 2024, thru August 14, 2024	
Arrests	2,003
No TAP Card	1,864

SURGE DATA

On May 17, 2024, Transit Services Division increased its deployment of personnel by 20% at the request of the Honorable Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, who was also the Chair, LACMTA Board of Directors, through a LACMTA Board Motion. The enhanced "Surge" deployment has LAPD currently operating seven days a week, and 24 hours a day.

In a 24-hour period, there are approximately an additional four (4) supervisors, twenty (20) officers, four (4) Mental Health Officers, and two (2) Custody Services Division Detention Officers. Custody Services Division Detention Officers provided an expedited process with transportation and booking.

The below chart depicts crimes reported during the increased enhanced deployment:

TYPE OF CRIME	05/17/24 thru 06/11/24	04/24/24 thru 05/16/24	DIFF	% CHG
PART I CRIME	56	104	-48	-46.2%
PART II CRIME	458	208	250	120.2%
PART II CRIME W/O 602 PC	45	109	-64	-58.7%
TOTAL W/O 602 PC	101	213	-112	-52.6%
TOTAL	514	312	202	64.7%

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Note: The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) defines California Penal Code (PC) Section 602 – Trespassing as a Part II Crime. Every time officers arrest an individual for trespassing, including a Private Persons Arrest (PPA), it creates a Part II crime adding to the overall number of crimes.

TYPE OF CRIME	05/17/24 thru 06/11/24	05/17/23 thru 06/11/23	DIFF	% CHG
PART I CRIME	56	147	-91	-61.9%
PART II CRIME	458	162	296	182.7%
PART II CRIME W/O 602 PC	45	85	-40	-47.1%
TOTAL W/O 602 PC	101	232	-131	-56.5%
TOTAL	514	309	205	66.3%

During the deployment of the Surge (May 17, 2024 to June 11, 2024), out of the 458 Part II crimes, 413 involved 602 PC - Trespassing on the Transit system. Removing the 413 trespass crimes, shows an overall reduction in total crime of -52.6% from the previous time period (April 24, 2024 to May 15, 2024), validating the Surge is causing a reduction in crime.

There have been 474 arrests made by the officers assigned to the Surge. Arrests include felonies, misdemeanors, and release from custody (RFC) reports. Out of the 474 arrests made, 32 arrests have been for narcotics-related offenses, i.e., drug use.

The below chart depicts suspect demographics as it relates to arrests made during the Surge deployment from May 17, 2024, thru June 11, 2024.

	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Black	189	39.9%	33	6.9%	222	46.8%
Hispanic	124	26.2%	17	3.6%	141	29.8%
White	66	13.9%	17	3.6%	83	17.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	4	0.8%	0	0%	4	0.8%
Native American	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%
Other	23	4.9%	0	0%	23	4.9%
TOTAL	406	85.7%	68	14.4%	474	

This increased deployment has allowed TSD to deploy mental health officers assigned to the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) on the transit system.

Since the start of the Surge deployment, mental health officers have responded to or handled 242 incidents involving individuals suffering from a mental health crisis. They have conducted 37 evaluations of these individuals, with 21 resulting in detention and placement on a California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5150 – Mental Evaluation Hold.

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Conclusion.

The LAPD's TSD, LACMTA's core staff, LASD, and the LBPd have been collaborating on a unified response to ensure the public's ridership safety. In a 2024, year-to-date (YTD) comparison with 2023, overall violent crimes, such as homicides, robberies, rapes, and aggravated assaults are down due to these proactive efforts. The public and the LACMTA employees reporting incidents and the collective data sharing has allowed real-time deployment of law enforcement resources in the most effective manner possible.

This report also revealed the ongoing positive relationships between the community, LAPD TSD, and Ambassadors, via their daily interactions and information-sharing, that assist in the safety and quality-of-life of daily LACMTA ridership.

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The following chart depicts various narcotics related arrests by year:

TYPE OF NARCOTIC ARREST	07/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2023	YTD ENDING 06/09/24	TOTAL
11377 HS – Poss. of Meth	4	20	173	63	27	34	128	91	540
11364 HS – Poss. of Paraphernalia	4	8	84	48	11	22	65	76	318
11350 HS – Poss. of Controlled Substance	5	6	60	24	14	20	75	48	252
4573 PC - Bring Narco into Jail	0	1	11	8	1	16	15	12	64
11378 HS – Poss. of Meth / Intent to Sell	2	9	14	7	5	8	10	5	60
11550 HS - Under the Influence of Narco	0	1	17	5	2	0	21	10	56
11379 HS - Transport or Sale Meth	7	4	8	5	0	2	12	4	42
11351 HS – Poss. with Intent to Sell	0	3	9	7	1	2	10	6	38
11357 HS – Poss. of Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	2	12
11352 HS - Transport Controlled Substance	0	0	5	2	0	0	4	0	11
11370 HS – Poss. of Narco w/Loaded Gun	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	2	8
11375 HS – Poss. of Sedatives	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	5
11532 HS - Prohibits Drug Loitering	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
11359 HS – Poss. for Sale of Marijuana	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	5
11360 HS - Transport Marijuana	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	4
11362 HS - Smoke Marijuana in Public	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
11358 HS - Grow Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
11353 HS – Prescription Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
11365 HS - In Area / Presence of Narco	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	27	63	388	171	61	110	357	258	1425

AMBASSADOR DEPLOYMENT
(Provided by LACMTA)

Zone	Line	Daily Ambassadors	Daily Teams
Zone 1	A Line	12	6
Zone 2	B Line	4	2
Zone 2	G Line	12	6
Zone 2	North Hollywood (fixed)	12	6
Zone 3	Bus Teams	8	4
Zone 3	D Line	4	2
Zone 3	E Line	16	8
Zone 4	7th Metro Ctr. (fixed)	12	6
Zone 4	A Line	8	4
Zone 4	B Line	8	4
Zone 4	E Line	12	6
Zone 4	J Line	8	4
Zone 4	Union Station (fixed)	12	6
Zone 4	Westlake MacArthur Park (fixed)	12	6
Zone 5	A Line	8	4
Zone 5	Avalon/LAX (fixed)	4	2
Zone 5	Bus Teams	16	8
Zone 5	C Line	8	4
Zone 5	J Line	8	4
Zone 5	K Line	4	2
Zone 6	A Line	8	4
Zone 6	C Line	4	2
Totals:		200	100

TABLE 1. Continued

