

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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MOTION BY DIRECTORS YAROSLAVSKY AND KREKORIAN

ORANGE LINE FARE ENFORCEMENT

ITEM 6

In response to the Board's directive in November, LASD conducted two 100% 11-hour fare check operations on the Orange Line for all deboardings on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 and Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Each operation focused on three stations with North Hollywood being in both operations.

The fare evasion rate for December 3rd was 22% and on December 17th it was 16%. Moreover, it was found that there are a significant number of misusers – those who have an activated TAP card and do not tap.

The issue of fare evasion is not new to this agency. When the gates along the Red and Purple line were first locked, it was found that there had been a significant number of fare evaders and misusers prior to the gates being locked. Unless we take this issue head on, and begin to design all our stations with gates, including those at grade, fare evasion will continue to skyrocket and become a perpetual problem with no end in sight. We can no longer afford to have "business as usual" approaches to solving the fare evasion problem system-wide.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that staff develop options to gate or partially gate all Orange Line stations and/or other actions as appropriate, that an educational/media campaign regarding TAP be explored, and that signage be placed on or adjacent to the SAVs informing patrons of the need to TAP and the associated fine. Staff should report back to this committee at the March meeting with a plan of action and status.

WE FURTHER MOVE that staff report back to the board at the March meeting on the status of gating the Exposition Line, Foothill Extension and Crenshaw Line which are currently under construction/design.