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OPERATIONS-SOUTH BUREAU

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TO: All Operations-South Bureau Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Operations-South Bureau

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT VEHICLES ELIGIBLE FOR TOLL-EXEMPTION FOR THE METRO EXPRESSLANES

The purpose of this notice is to clarify the circumstances in which a Department vehicle is exemption eligible in order to utilize the Metro Expresslane (toll roads) without incurring violations. It has been determined that Administrative Services Bureau Notice, *Department Vehicle Eligible for Toll-Exemption for the Metro Expresslanes (toll lanes),* dated November 2, 2015, does not clearly articulate these guidelines and is therefore superseded by this Bureau Notice.

It has recently come to the attention of OSB that there have been violations of the Metro Expresslanes by bureau personnel. Although the Metro Expresslanes are privately run, they are subject to state regulations as outlined in California Vehicle Code (CVC) §23301.5. California Vehicle Code §23301.5 (1), states that for an authorized emergency vehicle to be exempt from the Metro Expresslane toll requirements, it shall:

- Display a California exempt license plate (e-plate);
- Be marked as an authorized emergency vehicle;
- Display a forward facing red or blue light; and,
- Display public agency identification.

Note: Only Department vehicles placed on the exemption list by Metropolitan Transit Authority and approved by the Chief of Police (COP) are authorized to use the 110-Harbor Metro Express Lanes.

California Vehicle Code §23301.5 (2)(a) and(2)(b) outlines when an authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from paying the Metro Expresslanes toll and future violations. An authorized emergency vehicle may only use the Metro Expresslanes under the following circumstances:

- If the authorized emergency vehicle is responding to an emergency call for service or public safety incident; or,
- Transporting arrestees or booking suspects.

Note: There is **no** exemption for personal vehicle use, commuting, training, or administrative duties.

Any future violations of the aforementioned CVC or Metro Expresslane regulations may result in a fine being levied against the Department and possibly the employee, in addition to disciplinary action.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Eric Hagerty, Operations-South Bureau, at (323) 786-5080.

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