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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Frank Castellon, Chief System Safety, Security and Compliance Officer

SUBJECT: Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) Pledge

Issue

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has contacted SCRRA to sign and become a signatory to the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) pledge, which calls for transportation organizations to act. The Chief Executive Officer has applied his signature to the pledge.

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment(s) of:

- **Safety is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, fellow employees, and the communities we serve. Those committing human trafficking crimes are using roadways, railways, and airways to traffic victims. We cannot allow our transportation system to be an enabler in such awful acts.

Background

January is Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a national public awareness

campaign to inform Americans about human trafficking and educate them on ways to identify signs of trafficking in their communities. Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime.

The Department of Transportation's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) initiative is comprised of transportation and travel industry stakeholders working jointly to maximize their collective impact in combating human trafficking.

Initiatives include committing to the Transportation Leaders Trafficking Strategy. TLAHT focuses on five key areas and connects transportation stakeholders to available resources: industry leadership, industry training and education, policy development, public awareness, and information sharing and analysis.

Discussion

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has contacted SCRRA to sign and become a signatory to the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) pledge.

Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking Pledge

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative calls on all transportation industry leaders to join us in our commitment to employee education, raising public awareness, and measuring our collective impact by signing this voluntary Pledge.

We pledge with one voice to join with partners across the transportation industry to work together and end human trafficking by:

- Educating our employees and organizational members on how to recognize and report signs of human trafficking.
- Raising awareness among the traveling public on human trafficking issues by utilizing common messaging in targeted outreach campaigns
- Measuring our collective impact on human trafficking by tracking and sharing key data points

By uniting our efforts across the transportation sector, we will see greater progress in reaching our ultimate goal of eliminating human trafficking.

By signing the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking Pledge, we commit to employee education, raising public awareness, and measuring our collective impact.

SCRRA does not provide a trafficking prevention and intervention program to frontline employees at this time.

The Amtrak Police Department provides our train and engine employees with trafficking prevention and intervention. Crews receive training on human trafficking indicators in the transportation sector and how to report suspected human trafficking. Train and engine crews received training in 2023 and are receiving training biannually.

Amtrak, Orange County Transportation Authority, Los Angeles County Metropolitan

Transportation Authority, and Riverside County Transportation Commission are listed on the Pledge signatories list.

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Attachment(s)

[Presentation - Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking Pledge](#)