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Tom Bazan  
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Re: Texas Open Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Bazan:

Enclosed, please find the most recent report we have concerning METRO's Light Rail accidents.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

c: Ken Connaughton

## METRO LIGHT RAIL ACCIDENT REPORT

DOA	Location	LRV#	Amount of Damage	Responsible Party	Summary of Accident/Status
11/19/2003	Main @ Gray (NB)	107	\$ 10,499.30	Krista Lyn Marino	Rail car was travelling NB on Main Street when other vehicle driven by Krista Lyn Marino made an illegal left turn in front of the train. Impact caused minor damage to the exterior of the bumper, but damaged the electronic connector coupler.
12/17/2003	Fannin @ Southmore	104	\$ 2,199.30	Janet Spencer	LRV 104 traveling SB on Fannin. The OV pulled out of parking lot into the path of the train causing train to hit OV.
12/19/2003	Main @ Alabama	110	\$ 8,807.65	Joseph Kittrell	LRV 110 traveling NB on Main. A Nissan pickup truck also NB on Main made a left turn in front of the LRV and was struck on the left side.
12/20/2003	Fannin @ John Freeman	108	\$ 8,587.93	Noe B. Lopez	LRV 108 was NB on Fannin at John Freeman. Ford Explorer also north on Fannin made a left turn in front of the LRV. LRV impacted the left side of the SUV.
12/30/2003	8200 Fannin	106	\$ 7,954.50	Felix Francisco Rodriguez	LRV #106 was SB on Fannin when OV pulled from Reliant Center Parking Lot onto trackway and was struck by LRV #106.
1/9/2004	Fannin @ Binz	104	\$ 7,687.93	Asuncion Allende	LRV driver was SB on Fannin at Binz. The other vehicle driver was also SB on Fannin to the right of the LRV. The OV driver made a left turn in front of LRV. This accident was investigated by MTA Police, the OV driver was charged with "Disregard Official Traffic Control Device No Left Turn Over Rail".
1/13/2004	Fannin @ University	112	\$ 1,125.00	Richard Martinez	Mr. Martinez made a left turn from University onto Fannin in front of LRV 112, contact was made.
1/17/2004	Rosedale @ Fannin	103	\$ 450.00	Maria Sterling	Motorist Maria Sterling WB on Rosedale and stopped at Fannin Street traffic light. Front end of her vehicle was protruding beyond the designated white stop line on Rosedale which caused contact with the LRV as it was passing through the intersection. Ms. Sterling was ticketed by METRO Police for the accident.
1/19/2004	Fannin @ Dryden	112	\$ 6,679.50	Joseph Cousins	LRV Driver was NB on Fannin at Dryden. The other vehicle driver was also NB on Fannin to the right of the LRV. The OV driver made a left turn in front of the LRV. The accident was investigated by MTA Police. The OV was charged with "Left turn from wrong lane".
1/20/2004	Fannin @ Dryden	108	\$ 450.00	Saed Azeemuddin	OV made contact with LRV and fled the scene. OV was located by Metro Police and issued a traffic citation.
1/23/2004	Fannin @ TCH	114	\$ 2,063.63	Bernadino Hernandez	LRV traveling SB on Fannin. The other vehicle was also SB made illegal left turn in front of the train. New claim assigned 01-26-04.
1/23/2004	Holmes @Kirby (Test Track)	115	\$ 500,000.00	Union Pacific Railroad Employee Christopher McGinnis	LRV car traveling EB at estimated speed of 50 mph. Union Pacific employee lifted gate arm which was down with lights flashing and bells ringing to allow Union Pacific truck to cross track. Truck pulled out in front of oncoming train.
1/26/2004	Fannin @ Southmore	104	\$ 7,438.43	Ericia Jimenez & Tracy Champine	LRV 104 and other vehicle traveling SB on Fannin. The OV made a left turn in front of the LRV and contact was made.
1/27/2004	Main @ McGowen	109	\$ 2,513.63	Din Lu Quyen	LRV traveling SB on track II. The other vehicle made a left turn onto McGowen in front of the LRV and contact was made.
2/3/2004	Fannin @ Dryden	106	\$ 2,813.63	Charles Baker	LRV #106 was NB on Fannin at Dryden. The OV was also NB on Fannin to the right of the LRV. The OV made a left turn in front of the LRV.
2/15/2004	Main @ Pierce	111	\$ 15,181.36	Nathan Earle	LRV #111 was traveling SB on Main Street and the OV was traveling EB on Pierce. The OV disregarded the red traffic signal causing the collision.
2/19/2004	Fannin @ Southmore	113	\$ 2,342.63	David King	LRV #113 was SB on Fannin approaching Southmore intersection. Other vehicle was exiting driveway of drive-thru bank and made contact with left side of LRV.
2/21/2004	Fannin @ Montrose	101	\$ 2,213.63	Andrew Pink	LRV #101 was SB on Fannin approaching Montrose intersection. Other vehicle was also SB on Fannin on the right side of LRV. Other driver attempted left turn in front of LRV onto Montrose causing LRV to make contact with left side rear of other vehicle.
2/24/2004	Fannin @ Dryden	114	\$ 2,213.63	Edwin W. Cagle	LRV #114 was NB when Toyota 4Runner made a left turn from the thru lane into the LRV's path. LRV struck the left rear corner of the automobile.

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2/27/2004	San Jacinto @ Montrose	110	\$ 7,222.13	Mary Quick	LRV 110 was NB when a Toyota Camry made left turn from the thru lane in front of the LRV. The right front of LRV made contact with the left side of the vehicle. The other vehicle driver was cited for an illegal left turn.
2/27/2004	Fannin @ Southmore	114	\$ 2,493.04	Mary Stewart	LRV #114 was SB when Toyota Landcruiser made a left turn from the thru lane into the LRV's path. LRV struck the left side of the vehicle.
3/1/2004	San Jacinto @ Southmore	110	\$ 3,243.04	William Lemuel	LRV 110 was NB on San Jacinto when the OV disregarded traffic control device and made an illegal right turn into the path of the train. Impact caused the OV to spin clockwise and strike a pick-up truck standing at intersection facing WB.
3/5/2004	San Jacinto @ Rosedale	116	\$ 1,275.00	Sharon Bigler-Kindrick	LRV 116 was NB on San Jacinto when the other vehicle disregarded traffic control device and made a right turn into the front of the train. OV carrier was identified and contact with the adjuster has been made.
3/4/2004	Fannin @ Rosedale	108	\$ 3,113.63	Mohammad Tej	LRV 108 SB on Fannin @ Rosedale. The OV was WB on Rosedale, attempted to stop for the red light, slid onto the tracks and was struck by the train. Preliminary investigation reveals the OV driver was shown at fault for the accident.
3/10/2004	Main @ Gray	106	\$ 3,636.11	Benjamin Delgadillo	LRV 106 and the OV were NB on Main, OV attempted an illegal left turn in front of the LRV. The OV driver was shown at fault for the accident and no insurance.
3/15/2004	Main @ Gray	113	\$ 2,213.63	James Gibson	LRV 113 was NB on Main, the OV driver was also NB on Main to the right of the LRV. The OV driver made a left turn in front of the LRV. This accident was investigated by METRO Police. The OV driver was charged with "Left turn from wrong lane". At the scene the OV driver said he was WB on Gray but physical evidence and witnesses on the LRV and independent witnesses discounted this statement.
3/23/2004	Fannin @ Dryden	116	\$ 5,736.11	Lenneta Netters	OV traveling NB on Fannin in the left lane made a left turn in front of train causing train to make contact with the left side of OV. The OV was ticketed for disregarding the traffic signal.
3/22/2004	Main @ Wheeler	106	\$ 4,841.35	Kim Star Pham	OV traveling NB on Main in the right lane and failed to stop at designated point and made contact with the right side of the train. The claimant was ticketed for failure to stop at designated point.
3/24/2004	Greenbriar @ S. Braeswood	102	\$ 9,926.98	Kimberly Pounds	OV traveling NB on Greenbriar in the right lane and disregarded crossing signal and made contact with the left front of train. The claimant was ticketed for disregarding crossing signal.
3/29/2004	Fannin @ Binz	111	\$ 19,998.63	Mark Hinton	LRV 111 SB on Fannin. OV WB on Binz ran red light and was struck on right by LRV 111. OV driver said he thought he had a green light at Fannin; but, when he realized it was red and came to a stop his vehicle was sitting right across the LRV tracks. The LRV struck the ov broadside on the right knocking it off the tracks.
4/2/2004	Main @ St. Joseph	105	\$ 817.17	Quynhnhu Vo	LRV 105 was NB on Main and passing through St. Joseph intersection when it was struck on the right side front by the ov that was WB on St. Joseph.
4/7/2004	Fannin @ John Freeman	117	\$ 1,359.80	Fay Young Lee	LRV 117 was SB on Fannin at John Freeman. The OV was also SB on Fannin to the right of the LRV in a designated left turn lane. The signal for the car was showing red. The LRV proceeded and the car suddenly made a left turn hitting the 1st and 2nd skirt of the train.
4/12/2004	Fannin @ Southmore	108	\$ 1,039.71	Jimmy W. Scott	LRV 108 was traveling SB on Fannin, OD pulled from private drive and collided with left front of train.
4/17/2004	Fannin @ Rosedale	110	\$ 2,428.33	Javier Morales	LRV 110 was traveling SB on Fannin Street when a WB vehicle failed to make a stop at the designated location causing contact with the front section of the train. The train sustained minor damages and the OV sustained moderate damages.
4/21/2004	Hollyhall	112	\$ 16,843.93	Yadira Bravo	OV driver was SB on Fannin made a right turn into the drive way of Reliant Center in front of approaching NB LRV #112, when contact was made. The impact forced OV into another vehicle.
5/5/2004	Fannin @ Rosedale	107	\$ 2,922.48	Tamara Holman	LRV #107 was traveling SB on Fannin. The OV was traveling WB on Rosedale and ran the red light and struck the train. Claimant and carrier have been placed on notice.

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5/9/2004	Fannin @ University	102	\$ 2,022.48	Matthew McKee	LRV #102 was traveling SB on Fannin. The OV was also traveling SB on Fannin in the left lane. The OV made a left turn in front of the train making contact with the right lower couple and panel. Claimant and carrier have been placed on notice.
5/14/2004	Fannin @ Rosedale	110	\$ 28,242.53	Andre Louis Guillory	LRV #110 was traveling SB on Fannin Street when a WB vehicle failed to yield right-of-way at the red light causing a major accident. The train sustained major damages and the OV sustained major damages. Initial subrogation notice has been sent to OV driver.
5/24/2004	Fannin @ 610 East Service Rd	116	\$ 387.47	Cynthia Brown	LRV #116 was traveling SB on Fannin Street when an EB vehicle fouled the rail line @ 610 east Service Road. The vehicle struck the crossing arm and impeded the right-of-way causing a minor collision with the train. The train sustained minor damages and the OV sustained minor damages. Initial subrogation notice has been sent to OV driver. No police investigation due to minor damages.
5/27/2004	Main @ Congress	106	\$ 525.00	Freddy Cauley	LRV #106 was NB on Main @ Congress after departing Preston Rail Station when the OV made an illegal left turn in front of the train.
6/1/2004	Fannin @ Rosedale	109	Waiting Estimate	Fredrick Kelly	LRV #109 SB on Fannin. The OV was WB on Rosedale, failed to stop in the designated area, and was struck by the SB LRV 109.
			\$ 711,510.23		