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Tutor-Saliba-Perini v. MTA Update

Earlier today, a jury found in favor of Metro on one of the issues currently being litigated between the agency and Tutor-Saliba-Perini (TSP). In 2001, the trial court verdict in favor of Metro was reversed on appeal and the case was remanded for trial. The new trial court judge decided to hold separate trials on different elements of the case. This first trial was based on TSP's claim that they were entitled to a change order for the cost of tunnel handrails. Metro contended that the cost of the handrails was included in TSP's bid and that the company's claim constituted both a breach of contract and a false claim under California law. The jury agreed with Metro.

The next status conference has been scheduled for January 11, 2007.

Metro's Paul J. Lennon Named General Manager for the Transportation Security Administration's Mass Transit Sector

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recently appointed Paul J. Lennon as the new General Manager for its Mass Transit Sector. Until last month, Mr. Lennon served as Metro's Director of Intelligence and Emergency Preparedness Management.

In this new position, he will represent the Administration on issues involving mass transit and act as the agency's chief liaison with the industry. As such, Mr.

Lennon will work closely with state and local governments, transit properties, employee groups and other federal agencies to address security issues. His responsibilities will include: managing a range of security programs, overseeing security assessments, sharing intelligence, administering training to sector employees, and developing relationships with mass transit stakeholders to facilitate information sharing. Paul Lennon brings a wealth of experience in all of these areas to TSA. He made an outstanding contribution Metro's security and I am confident that he will continue to work diligently to maintain the overall safety of America's transit systems.

Former Metro Employee Arrested for Attempted Burglary and Attempted Grand Theft at Division 2

Last week, Metro's Risk Management Special Investigations Unit (SIU) helped to secure the arrest of a former Metro employee suspected of stealing day passes from Division 2. On December 13th, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department detectives and SIU staff were informed by Division 2 that the ex-employee had been spotted at the facility toting a black bag – later found to contain day passes. The suspect was apprehended and charged with attempted burglary and grand theft (both felonies), and was booked at the Twin Towers. As of October, the employee was no longer employed by the agency.

Regional Transportation CEO's Committee Meeting Recap

The Regional Transportation CEO's Committee met on Friday to discuss the status of the State Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and the timeline for project submittals, the Southern California National Freight Gateway Memorandum of Understanding, and the Future of SCAG's Regional Technical Advisory Committee. The Committee also discussed the status of the Section 1909 Commission's Field Hearing here in Los Angeles on February 21st and 22nd, the annual SCAG Consensus Trip to Washington, D.C., and the Committee's support for a "California Reception" during the APTA Annual Legislative Conference in March.

Tony Grasso, the CEO for the San Bernardino Association of Governments will assume the chairmanship of the group in 2007.