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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: GATEWAY BUILDING SECURITY

**ACTION: ESTABLISH GATEWAY BUILDING SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
BUDGET AND AMEND FY06 BUDGET**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to establish a life-of-project budget of \$767,652 for Gateway building security enhancements and include the project in the FY06 capital program budget.

ISSUE

The transit bombings in London focused attention on the dangers posed by so-called "soft" targets like trains and buses in the age of global terrorism. As a result of the events in London, Metro staff and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) recently briefed the Board on "lessons learned" from post-incident visits to London. The Board was also provided an assessment of immediate needs to enhance security at facilities within Metro's transit system. This assessment was derived in large part from comments received from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) subsequent to the completion of threat and vulnerability assessments of Metro and many other high-risk transit agencies.

Recognizing that the Gateway building security project is a key element in the continuing effort to enhance system security, a study was recently completed by staff, in consultation with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department personnel, to determine which security improvements were necessary to reduce building vulnerabilities to acts of terrorism. Those improvements are now being recommended for implementation.

Building enhancements will include several new security features, including a system to increase scrutiny of persons entering the building; installation of fencing, security gates and concrete barricades to protect the footprint of the building and control access to parking in the underground structure; installation of street-level planters and other features to limit proximity to the building; and installation of film on lower level windows to minimize damage from broken glass. It is anticipated that procurement and installation of these security enhancements will be completed by the end of FY06.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$767,652 for the new capital project, Gateway Security Improvements (Project 210050), is being allocated by transferring funds from the operating budget and from another approved capital project in FY06. \$150,000 will be transferred from the FY04 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant project (project 300011, task 11.1.03.3.01 in cost center 2610, Transit Security).

This project is funded in the FY06 budget by a State Office of Homeland Security (OHS) grant. A request is being submitted to OHS for a change in the project's scope of work. An additional \$617,652 will be transferred from Capital Project 207006, Computer Kiosks - Bus and Rail Facilities in cost center 6810, Corporate Safety. This project is funded in the FY06 budget with local funds, Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA).

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The only option to consider is to request this equipment through future Homeland Security grants. However, the FY06 funding earmarks have already been identified and FY06 grant applications have already been submitted. This option is not recommended, as it would delay implementation of comprehensive security improvements.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will return to the Board in November 2006 for approval of the procurement of the equipment.

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