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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MTA Headquarters
3rd Floor - Board Room
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles

Monday, November 21, 2005 – 12:00 P.M.

Directors present:

Michael Bohlke, Chair
Mike Cano
Todd McIntyre
John Fasana
Frank Roberts
Samantha Bricker

President – John B. Catoe, Jr.
Executive Vice President – Richard Hunt
Chief Financial Officer - Josie Nicasio

1. APPROVED **minutes** of Board Meeting held August 24, 2005.
2. AWARDED on a roll call vote AS AMENDED BY DIRECTOR FASANA a two-year contract through September 2007 to Arieli Associates at a cost not to exceed \$200,000 to **provide technical advisory services in support** of the Advanced Transit Vehicle Consortium.

Amendment: An initial cost not to exceed \$50,000 per year and for further consideration upon presentation of a detailed work plan at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Hunt reported that the contract is a new procurement and not an extension of Mr. Arieli's contract.

Chair Bohlke expressed concern that over Dr. Arieli's contract in terms of time spent on ATVC vs. the time spent on Metro Connections and the Consent Decree.

Mr. Hunt stated that he proposed to limit his contract to only the work associated with ATVC activities.

Mr. Catoe added that any work that Mr. Arielli will perform related to Metro Connections or Consent Decree will be secured under a separate agreement with MTA. The ATVC contract would not allow any modifications for Metro Connections or Consent Decree.

Mr. Hunt stated that if the ATVC Board approves Mr. Arieli's contract, it will be forwarded to the Operations Committee for their concurrence.

Director Fasana stated that the work plan is generic to MTA and \$50,000 should be more than enough to support specific ATVC work, and the other \$50,000 could be funded by MTA for Metro Connections work.

Director Bricker concurred with Director Fasana stating that \$200,000 is excessive especially as MTA has a huge budget deficit going into next year. She added that a lot of the work that Dr. Arieli did was Consent Decree and Metro Connections related. Director Bricker said that if the contract was competitively bid and Mr. Arieli was the highest bidder, why was there no explanation as to why a consultant contract was awarded to the highest bidder.

Mr. Catoe responded that the original \$200,000 contract included work for Metro Connections as well as the Consent Decree. That work element is excluded from the proposed contract.

Directors McIntyre and Cano requested staff to report back with a detailed work plan and justification for priced out components, and the amount of the contract may be adjusted accordingly at the next meeting. Mr. Cano requested that the work plan be prioritized so the Board can understand which functions are relevant or essential.

Chair Bohlke stated that the record should reflect that the reason why Dr. Arieli was being paid through ATVC was that his contract on Metro Connections had lapsed. Mr. Hunt responded that he was not aware of any separate contract for Metro Connections. He stated that the only contract that he was aware of with Dr. Arieli was his contract with ATVC.

3. **AUTHORIZED** the Chief Executive Officer of the Advanced Transit Vehicle Consortium to negotiate and execute an agreement with Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to co-sponsor a 12-month demonstration project with City Engines of Reno, Nevada for **Hydrogen-Compressed Natural Gas engines**.

Mr. Hunt reported that this is formal approval of the contract not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the HCNG project, half of which will be programmed to be funded directly by AQMD contingent upon its Board approval with the detailed funding and contracts arrangements to be worked out between ATVC and AQMD staff.

4. **RECEIVED AND FILED** status update on **MTA Bus Procurements**.

Mr. Hunt reported that MTA recently completed delivery of 100 Compo buses, manufactured by North American Bus Industries. The Compo bus features include a 15% increase in passenger capacity, less weight than the standard 40-foot steel frame bus, all wheel disc brakes for 20% improved stopping distance and reduced maintenance costs, a 50% increase in anticipated structure life and improved passenger amenities. NABI recently announced that they were discontinuing the production of the Compo bus due to FTA Buy America restrictions. However, it is hoped that with a sufficiently large order, NABI may reconsider their recent business decision and produce the Compo bus that is compliant with the Buy America requirements.

The Metro Liner, a new addition to the MTA operating fleet is the first articulated CNG vehicle produced for public transit use in the United States. The advanced design of this vehicle has set a new standard for high capacity vehicles. The MTA Board has approved the procurement of 94 additional 60-foot CNG articulated buses with delivery projected to begin in July 2006.

Gasoline Hybrid Buses – The MTA Board recently approved the procurement of up to six gasoline hybrid buses for testing and evaluation.

Hydrogen & compressed Natural Gas Fuel – The ATVC recently approved a project to test and evaluate up to four buses equipped with engines designed to operate on a fuel mixture of 70% Compressed Natural Gas and 30% Hydrogen. The program goals are significant emission reductions, especially NOX, improved fuel economy, additional alternative engine supplier and Hydrogen fuel experience.

New High Capacity, Light Weight, Composite Bus Procurement – The MTA Board recently approved a new vehicle procurement using a best value, negotiated procurement process. The projected vehicle deliveries will begin in the last half of 2007.

5. **RECEIVED oral project overview on Gasoline Hybrid Bus Program.**

Mr. Bottone reported that a preliminary meeting was held with New Flyer to supply the MTA with “As-built” technical information of the Long Beach buses. Long Beach has an option to purchase additional 6 buses on their existing order with New Flyer and elected not to so. MTA has requested approval to acquire those options. Montebello is in the process of ordering the hybrid buses and they are checking with other properties if they can be part of a consortium. Metro is considering that option.

6. **RECEIVED ATVC budget review and update.**

John Drayton reported that the balance of the ATVC Hybrid Buses budget is \$4.6 Million. There is an additional \$500,000 available for the HCNG project which is not included on this budget.

7. **SCHEDULED next Board meeting on January 19, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. or immediately after MTA Operations Committee meeting.**

8. **Public Comment. - NONE**



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