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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 15, 2009**

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

ACTION: AMEND THE FY09 BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the FY09 budget to add \$198,000 of revenues and expenses to the Transit Security Budget to be funded by state Homeland Security grant funds.

RATIONALE

In July 2007, the Board approved a FY06 \$3.14 million dollar grant from the State Office of Homeland Security. In July 2008, the Transportation Security Administration had surplus FY 2006 TSGP funds that would lapse December 31, 2008. Therefore, based on their classified risk-based-formula they awarded out unobligated funds to various Tier I transit agencies across the United States and we were awarded \$198,000 in additional funding for closed circuit television (CCTV) systems. CCTVs are vital to the security of our bus operations and maintenance facilities and terminals and provide critical information regarding station security, terrorist threats, graffiti, and also provide incidental video taping for legal proceedings. It is imperative that the systems be installed in all bus terminals and divisions to ensure safety and security not only for us but also for the public bus riders.

The additional budget will be used to install CCTV systems at critical and high usage bus terminals that do not have the CCTV systems, and will also be used to install additional CCTV cameras at bus divisions that require additional camera coverage. The divisions and terminals included in this board action are, at minimum Division 4, Division 6, Division 7, Terminal 17, Terminal 45 and two to three additional terminals yet to be determined. The locations of the terminals will be selected based on input from facilities, Sectors, and Transit Security, and will be identified prior to awarding contracts. The installations shall start the first week of April 2009 and last for approximately 9 months. The installation of these systems shall not materially impact operations of the terminals or divisions during construction and installation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$198,000 for this project will be added to the FY09 budget in cost center 2610, Transit Security, under project number 212006, Install CCTV at Bus Terminal Phase III. The source of funding is Office of Homeland Security 2006 Grant TSGP 700180.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could choose not to amend the FY09 budget. However if the Board chooses this action, staff will not be able to continue this project designated in the Homeland Security grants. This may result in forfeiture of the grant funds.

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