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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 2009**

SUBJECT: METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL

ACTION: EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO SUPPORT THE METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide field officer and dispatch support to the Los Angeles County Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) and Big Rig Service Patrol programs during FY10 in an amount not to exceed \$998,016.

RATIONALE

In partnership with CHP and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), we operate and manage the largest FSP program in the nation. In addition, we also operate the Big Rig Service Patrol program, currently on the I-710 with an expansion to SR-91 planned for FY10. CHP's role in this partnership is to provide dispatch, field enforcement and operator training services. CHP receives an initial annual funding allocation from the State in support of these duties; however, as it has been historically; state funding is not sufficient to effectively meet the needs of our FSP and Big Rig programs. Therefore, it is necessary for us to augment the state funding to ensure that we maintain the minimum level of CHP support needed to manage and operate the current FSP and Big Rig program.

While the statewide CHP funding allocation for FSP and Big Rig services has remained the same our proposed contribution for the FY10 CHP MOU has increased by \$147,016 or 17.27% compared to the FY09. The increase is attributed to the lapsing of an AQMD grant which provided funding for CHP support of FSP. This grant ended in FY09. Without the increase to cover for the lapsing AQMD grant funds, CHP would be forced to reduce their support, which in-turn would negatively impact our ability to manage the operation of the FSP and Big Rig programs. The increased Metro funding will enable CHP to maintain a status quo in the overall level of funding provided by non-state sources. CHP staffing has remained fairly consistent over the past six years and will continue to remain the same for FY10. CHP staffing consists of 1 Sergeant, 8 Officers, 1 Dispatch Supervisor, 7.25 Dispatchers and 1 Program Analyst.

Continued CHP support is important to maintaining the overall effectiveness of the FSP and Big Rig programs. CHP's role in field supervision, dispatching and training helps to ensure the overall quality of both programs and the services the programs provide to the motoring public. Listed below are a few of the activities, performed by CHP staff dedicated to the FSP program in calendar year 2008:

Activity	Quantity
Cursory Inspection (Driver & Vehicle Spot Inspection)	2,041
Staging Area Inspection (Start of Shift Inspection)	872
Annual Vehicle Inspection (Annual Vehicle Compliance & Safety Inspection)	370
In-Field Contact & Interviews with Drivers	8,855
Complaint Investigations	141
Total Fines Levied & Recovered from Contractors Due to CHP Activity	\$151,640

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding of \$998,016 for this service is included in the proposed FY10 budget under cost center 3352, Freeway Service Patrol, Project 300070, Freeway Service Patrol and line 50320, Contract Services. The total budget for CHP support over and above the statewide funding allocation in FY09 was \$851,000 funded by Metro and \$147,016 grant funding by AQMD.

Impact to Enterprise Fund Bus and Rail Operating Budget

This MOU with CHP for FSP support is funded from Proposition C 25%. There is no impact to the Enterprise Fund.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may decide to not approve the execution of this agreement. This alternative is not recommended as it would decrease the amount of resources provided by the CHP in support of FSP, which would negatively impact the operation and effectiveness of the FSP program.

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