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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (LA-RICS)**

BACKGROUND

In June 2009, Board Member Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa put forward a motion instructing staff to work with the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in developing a plan to replace the separate radio communications systems used by Metro and its major public safety services providers in our underground rail system. Staff was instructed to report back during the September 2009 Board cycle with quarterly updates/progress reports thereafter.

This is the 2nd quarterly report regarding staff's participation and findings to date as it relates to the LA-RICS project.

DISCUSSION

Staff has obtained and reviewed copies of the draft LA-RICS RFP. Staff noted that the Metro Red Line Subway is included in the Draft RFP and technical appendix. Staff will be working to obtain the technical appendix to further review the Metro Red Line Subway work that is contemplated within the Draft RFP and to make sure that other Metro Rail Lines that operate in tunnels and trenches are included in the LA-RICS RFP or Technical Appendix as well.

Staff, at the direction of the Board, has also requested membership with LA-RICS. Membership is obtained by approval of the respective agencies governing board. This request is covered under a separate Board Action Item.

NEXT STEPS

If membership to the JPA is approved by the Board, staff will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with LA-RICS JPA. Staff will continue to work with LA-RICS in developing a plan to replace the separate, discrete radio communications systems used by us and our major public safety services providers in our underground rail stations and rail lines. When the LA-RICS RFP is issued, we will review and discuss with JPA representatives and evaluate the issues of Metro Security also moving to LA-RICS.

Staff will continue to report back to the Board quarterly on the progress of the LA-RICS.