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

ISSUE

In June 2009, Board Member Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa put forward a motion instructing Metro 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 Metro's underground rail system. Metro staff was instructed to report back during the September 2009 Board cycle with quarterly updates/progress reports thereafter.

This is the 3rd quarterly report regarding Metro's staff participation and findings to date as related to the LA-RICS project.

DISCUSSION

1. Staff has obtained and reviewed copies of the actual LA-RICS Request For Proposal (RFP). The LA-RICS RFP was released on April 5th, 2010.
2. The LA-RICS Financial Sub-Committee is reviewing the proposed cost allocation models as developed by the current LA-RICS governing board and the LA-RICS design consultant for its reasonableness and fairness to all other member agencies in regards to Capital Expenditures.

NEXT STEPS

LA-RICS's technical staff made a request to Metro's staff requesting support in physically surveying Metro's underground rail lines for radio coverage analysis by the LA-RICS project. Metro staff agreed to support this physical survey which is tentatively scheduled to occur on May 10th, 2010 timeframe.

Metro staff, subject to funding availability, will continue to support LA-RICS staff during the RFP, Project Design/Implementation, and Installation Phases of LA-RICS providing technical, installation, and escort support as required.

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