

### FTA QUARTERLY REVIEW BRIEFING BOOK

**February 9, 1999** 

### Submitted By:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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### **AGENDA**

### FTA QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Tuesday, February 9, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.

Gateway Conference Room - 3rd Floor

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A.	Organizational Issues	
В.	Legislative Issues	
C.	Questions and Answers	
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		Alfonso Rodriguez
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### V. SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

1. Business Action Plans - Workout Team Progress



February 1, 1999

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

TO:

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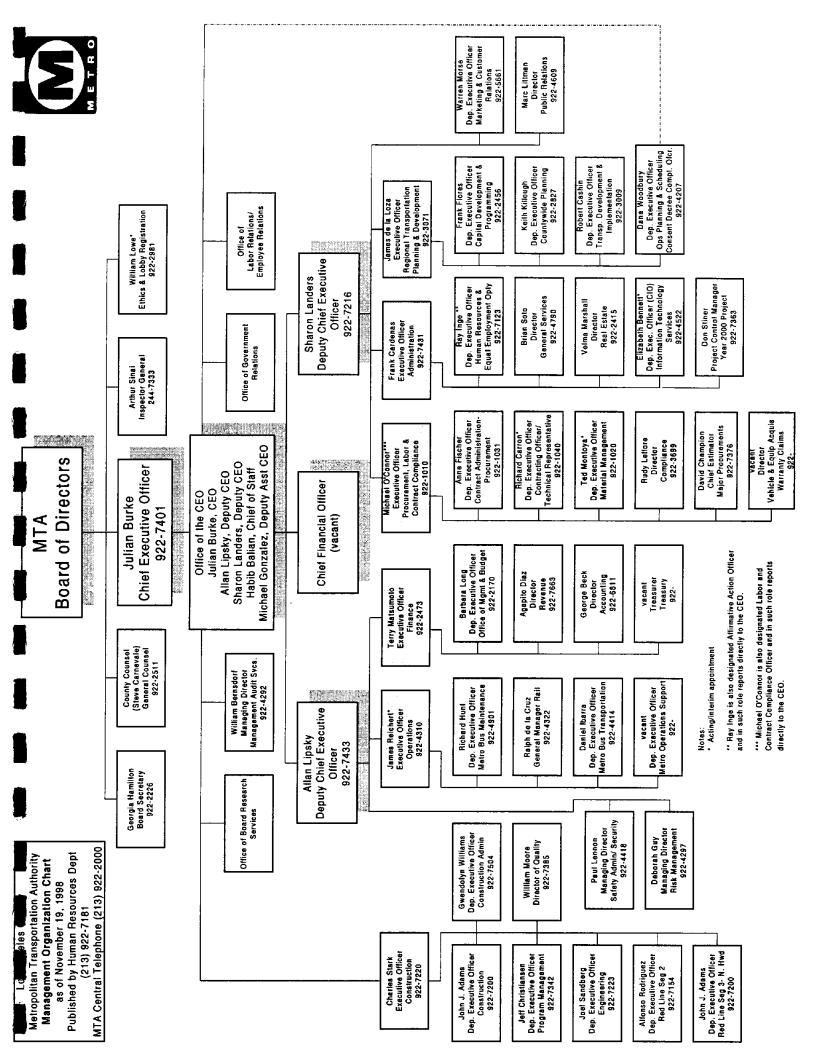
**SUBJECT:** 

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES** 

The attached organizational chart *does not* reflect the most current changes and additions to the structure of the MTA; an updated version will be provided upon its completion. In the interim, this memo is meant to identify those noteworthy changes.

As previously announced, Allan G. Lipsky has been named Chief Operating Officer, responsible for managing day-to-day operations (the second Deputy CEO position has been eliminated.) Also, I am pleased to announce Richard Brumbaugh as the Chief Financial Officer. In addition, Ray Inge has been named Executive Officer - Human Resources and will now oversee the departments of Equal Opportunity and Employee Relations. Also note, Labor Relations has been separated from Employee Relations and is charged with negotiating responsibilities with our collective bargaining units.

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### RICHARD D. BRUMBAUGH

### LACMTA Chief Financial Officer

Richard D. Brumbaugh was appointed Chief Financial Officer in December 1998. As Chief Financial Officer, he is responsible for the Authority's financial operations, including Budget, Revenue, Treasury, Accounting, and Risk Management. Mr. Brumbaugh has more than twenty-five (25) years of experience in financial management. Before joining the Authority, Mr. Brumbaugh was Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Santa Anita Operating Company.

During his twenty-four (24) years with the company, he also served as Controller, Assistant Controller and Financial Analyst. From 1979 to 1988, Mr. Brumbaugh also taught a course in Corporate Finance as an Assistant Professor of Finance at California State University, Los Angeles. Mr. Brumbaugh earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science Degree in Business Administration, Finance from California State University, Northridge.



EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Adopted at the January 28, 1999 Board Meeting

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

SUBJECT: CONSIDER GOALS AND ACTIVITIES CONTAINED IN THE

1999-2000 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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**ADOPT THE 1999-2000 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM** 

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**ACTION:** 

Staff recommends the MTA Board of Directors adopt the proposed 1999-2000 Legislative Program.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Many of the proposed legislative initiatives may provide additional funding for countywide transportation programs and projects. In addition, some proposals may streamline rules and regulations at the MTA to facilitate the timely, cost-effective delivery of transportation services.

### **BACKGROUND**

Each year staff prepares a legislative program for adoption by the MTA Board of Directors. The program is developed with input from MTA technical staff and MTA contract lobbyists. This report contains the proposed 1999-2000 MTA Legislative Program. The program will serve as a guide for pursuing the authority's legislative proposals and strategies.

The role of the MTA Legislative Program is to fulfill the agency's goals and objectives by securing necessary legislative authority, program funding and regulatory actions needed at the regional, local, state and federal levels. To achieve these goals, Government Relations staff will implement a legislative strategy of consensus building and coordination with transportation interests throughout Los Angeles County, the State of California and at the federal level.

In 1999, the MTA will face several legislative challenges. At the federal level Congress and the Administration will consider the MTA's FY 2000 appropriations and obtain the maximum level of funding through programs in the Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21).

On the state level, there may be additional "clean-up" legislation for SB 45 (Kopp/1997), the STIP reform bill. Legislators may continue to introduce measures relating to the MTA board structure and authority. The proposed program also identifies several agency initiatives to secure additional funding and streamline processes.

Regionally, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has begun updating and revising the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The MTA regularly interacts with other transportation commissions throughout the region to coordinate services and regional transportation improvements. Regular coordination with these agencies allows for coordinated policy development at the local, state and federal levels.

Locally, the MTA will continue to work to maintain and enhance support with local governments in coordination with the goals contained within the Federal and State Legislative Program. We will also continue to work with the 88 cities throughout Los Angeles County on many crucial issues and to provide information and develop support for transportation programs and services.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A:

1999-2000 Legislative Program

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### ADOPTED AT THE JANUARY 28, 1999 BOARD MEETING

### 1999-2000 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Legislative Program is to identify the necessary legislative actions needed at the federal, state, regional and local level to further the objectives of the MTA.

### 1999 FEDERAL PROGRAM

GOAL #1: SECURE FUNDING IN THE FY 2000 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

### **Proposed Activities:**

- Obtain FY 00 funding for the Metro Red Line Segment 3, North Hollywood project consistent with the North Hollywood MOS-3 Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) and the MTA's Restructuring Plan.
- Assist in obtaining \$8 million in FY 99 appropriations for the Regional Transit Alternatives
   Analysis for the East Side and Mid-Cities corridors consistent with the FY 99 Conference
   Report language and \$3 million in FY 99 appropriations for clean fuel buses.
- Obtain FY 00 additional funding for clean fuel buses to support compliance with the consent decree and for bus maintenance facilities improvements.
- Continue to work with interested parties to maintain the viability of fixed guideway systems for the East Side and Mid-Cities corridors; support FTA's Bus Rapid Transit Initiative and participate in the Bus Rapid Transit Consortium.
- Work cooperatively with other regional transportation agencies to secure funding for transportation projects in Los Angeles County.
- Continue strong third party advocacy including community leaders, business owners, residents and riders.

GOAL #2: CONTINUE TO MONITOR LEGISLATION AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH PROGRAMS IN THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF THE 21 CENTURY (TEA-21).

### Proposed Activities:

 Support American Public Transit Association (APTA) policy positions aimed at supporting funding for transit and reducing federal mandates and duplicative regulations.

### Transit Issues:

- Seek to improve the MTA's position into a higher tier for Section 5309 rail modernization funding to increase funding for our metro rail system.
- Support efforts of private Non-Profit ADA service providers relating to Section 13(c) of the Federal Transit Act.
- Support legislative efforts to give MTA greater flexibility in using federal CMAQ funds for transit service which includes major service expansions on existing transit lines. This would assist the MTA in its efforts to meet the requirements set forth in the Consent Decree.
- Expand the proposed FHWA rule on "design-build" to cover transit projects and bus facilities.

### Highway Issues:

• Seek language to ensure that soundwalls are listed as an eligible expenditure for FHWA funds.

### GOAL #3: ACTIVELY IDENTIFY AND MAXIMIZE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

- Obtain Congressional support on MTA's appeal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the reimbursement of approximately \$23 million spent to mitigate damage caused by the Northridge Earthquake.
- Oppose any legislation that would require government agencies to participate in the federal Social Security system. Currently, non-contract and Teamster employees are not required to be members of social security. The annual financial impact on the MTA is estimated at \$5.5 million.
- Obtain targeted funding such as ADA, "Access to Jobs" initiative and the Clean Air Act.
- Ensure that the Los Angeles County's ferry boat mileage is counted in the National Transit Database (NTD) and in formulas for urbanized grants and allocations.
- Make the operation of transportation libraries an eligible category under Transportation Enhancements.

### **1999 STATE PROGRAM**

GOAL # 1: ACTIVELY WORK WITH STATE, REGIONAL AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INTERESTS TO SECURE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND PROGRAMS STATEWIDE.

- Initiate legislation to provide state funding of the 1989 Retrofit Soundwall List.
- Initiate legislative efforts to provide for a state and local sales tax exemption on rolling stock purchases.
- Seek a budget appropriation of \$250,000 for a Los Angeles County demonstration project which would provide for a coordinated approach on graffiti abatement with a council composed of representatives from transit agencies, law enforcement, schools, Caltrans and local jurisdictions.
- Seek, in cooperation with transportation entities, amendments to SB 45 (1997) to provide for the following: 1) The north/south split based on the U.S. Decenial Census; 2) Controls on Caltrans project support costs by providing alternatives to those costs; 3) Ensure that the allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RTSP) funds to regions is in keeping with the ISTEA/SB1435 practice of splitting the minimum guarantee funds between the State Highway Account and the regions; 4) Increase the number of intercity rail corridors eligible for intercity rail funding and provide that intercity rail funding is subject to the north/south split; and, 5) other issues deemed important for the programming of transportation resources, including but not limited to, the more effective use of flexible federal funding through the Surface Transportation Program (STP).
- Initiate legislation to increase the fines for rail transit right-of-way violations, making them
  comparable with "red-light running" and HOV fines, and provide that a portion of the rightof-way violations be returned to the rail transit authority for safety and security programs.
- Initiate legislation to add misuse of "bicycles" to the list of infractions on transit property under Penal Code 640(b)(10).
- Explore discussions on amending the State Constitution to provide that state gas tax funding can be used for the purchase of rolling stock.
- Work with the California Transit Association and other transit interests in securing additional dedicated funding for transportation requirements necessitated by Welfare-to-Work legislation.

- Support efforts of SCAG and other county transportation commissions in the region to secure new funding for regional core rideshare services and to support legislation which provides employers with state tax credits for subsidizing rideshare programs, transit passes and/or vanpools for their employees.
- Seek funding for eligible projects from state Petroleum Violation Escrow Account (PVEA)
  funds. MTA projects could include the purchase of clean-fuel vehicles, the development of
  fueling stations or other projects in accordance with the criteria established by this program.

GOAL #2: SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS WHICH ENHANCE THE MTA'S ABILITY TO DELIVER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

- Monitor and report to the Board of Directors any legislation which restructures the MTA Board of Directors or imposes state control over local decision-making.
- Sponsor legislation relating to MTA's procurement authority, including:
  - ◆ Raising the threshold for small purchases from \$1,000 to \$2,500, consistent with federal requirements;
  - Raising the formal advertising and bidding threshold on non-public works contracts from \$25,000 to \$40,000;
  - ♦ Adding bus procurement as an eligible item under the MTA's "unique and specialized" purchases subject to competitive negotiation.

### 1999 REGIONAL AND LOCAL PROGRAM

GOAL #1: ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN SUPPORT AND EFFECTIVE LIAISON
WITH LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, REGIONAL AGENCIES, POLICY
BOARDS AND MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SECURE, PROTECT
AND ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR COUNTYWIDE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS.

- Work with elected officials in the City of Los Angeles, the 87 cities in Los Angeles County and regional agencies regarding:
  - ♦ FY 2000 Transportation Appropriations
  - ♦ Bus System Improvements
  - ♦ RTAA Findings & Project Implementation
  - ♦ STIP Amendment
  - ♦ Call for Projects
- Develop effective communication, coordination and cooperation with regional agencies, all cities in Los Angeles County and other local government entities to enhance the delivery of transportation services and projects.
  - Work closely with the Los Angeles City Council Members and staffs relating to the MTA/City of Los Angeles agreement on MOS 3;
  - ♦ Cooperate with the Pasadena Blue Line Construction Authority;
  - Support the progress of the Alameda Corridor project;
  - Provide information to local jurisdictions on Proposition 218, relating to local Benefit Assessment Districts;
  - Work with appropriate MTA staff to encourage and foster cooperation between local jurisdictions' bicycle programs;
  - Work with appropriate MTA staff on issues relating to Soundwall Retrofit policies;
  - Coordinate with SCAG in the revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan;
  - Work with appropriate MTA staff on issues relating to subregional governance;
  - ♦ Work with the appropriate MTA staff in the development of the Call for Projects; and,
  - ♦ Gather support from the California Contract Cities Association, the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Independent Cities Association relative to the MTA's position on local control, regional issues and pending state and federal legislation.
- Advocate and garner support among MTA's local funding partners for the federal and state programs within the MTA's 1999-2000 Legislative Program.

- Through the use of Legislative Briefs, informal briefings and public hearings provide local elected officials, regional and municipal organizations with information regarding MTA's policies and project funding.
- Regularly meet with the California Contract Cities Association (CCA), League of California
  Cities Los Angeles County Division, Independent Cities Association (ICA), Valley Industry
  & Commerce Association (VICA), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG),
  Councils of Governments (COG's), Regional Transportation Agency Coalition (RTAC),
  Northern Corridor Cities, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and other key
  chambers of commerce on the MTA's transportation issues and projects to gain their support.



February 1, 1999

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RE: WORKERS COMPENSATION QUARTERLY REPORT

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The following report summarizes the efforts of the Risk Management Department's efforts to control Operations workers' compensation costs within the LACMTA:

### **New Claims**

Pursuant to Board approval, the Travelers Insurance Company workers' compensation policy went into effect September 1, 1998. The Travelers panel of medical clinics and lawyers are now being utilized by the MTA at discounted rates. The Travelers medical management team is developing strategies with treating physicians from the date of injury to minimize the time an injured employee remains away from the job.

The program is too new to report on claim volume with any certainty. Transitions in work comp programs generally create fluctuations that make initial numbers unreliable. Attachment A reflects Lost Time injuries at both Bus and Rail operations. The slight increase in claim frequency rate may be due to new claims that would have previously been coded as recurrences (described below). The five major causes of accidents are also captured in the attachment. Future status reports will contain quantified data on reduction in costs and claim frequency.

### Recurrence Claims

Workers' compensation claims that pre-date the Travelers insurance policy are being closely monitored to ensure that new claims are not being paid from the self-insured program.

Although the assumption of claims by Travelers is too recent to report reliable information, it is clear that the number of recurrences has dropped since September 1, 1998. The use of a Reocc Form was eliminated on that date. This half page form allowed workers to claim a recurrence of an existing claim without, in may instances, requiring that the employee prove the injury to be work related. These claims were often unfounded and were not adequately challenged. Since September 1, 1998, all work related injuries must be reported through a consistent reporting system to determine whether the claim is new or a recurrence of an existing work related injury. Such determination is made by the employee's treating physician. Travelers assumes the claim to be a new, fully insured claim until that determination is made.

MTA previously received an average of 145 recurrences every month, 35% of the total claims presented. Since September 1, 1998, 31 claims have been deemed recurrences of an existing condition (an average of 10 per month). These claims are being monitored by the Risk Management Department. Staff receives weekly updates from Travelers on the claims that will impact the self-insured program. Risk Management has instituted a rigorous audit schedule of Travelers' claims to ensure adequacy and accuracy of claim reserves and handling.

### Management and Administration

An interdisciplinary steering committee has been created, consisting of MTA management, union, and insurer representatives to review processes currently in place to address workers' compensation issues. Sub-committees are analyzing segments of the work out team report to identify ways of implementing the team's suggestions. The goal is to reduce the frequency and severity of claims.

The sub-committees formed from the steering committee are addressing the following issues regarding workers' compensation:

- 1) Return to Work Process: Assess and enhance current policies and procedures to ensure that employee lag time between release date and return to duty date is minimized.
- 2) Divisional Injury Management Coordination: Identify functional responsibilities of individuals assigned to coordinate initial and ongoing medical treatment, return-to-work planning, case management, and internal and external communications.
- 3) Proactive Emphasis for Safety: Identify and address important safety issues, including accident prevention and strengthening of the safety management system. Assess historical injury-producing equipment faults. Develop a process to identify and implement preventive fixes.

- 4) Safety Performance Benchmarking: Establish safety performance benchmarks for each MTA location to quantifiably measure program results.
- 5) Transitional Work Program: Develop policies, procedures, and support documentation to provide prompt transitional work assignments to accommodate employee injury medical restrictions.
- 6) Stress Claims Reduction: Identify and implement policies, procedures and training programs to reduce workplace stress claims.
- 7) Fitness for Duty: Assess the viability of implementing physical standards and functional testing protocols for employees.

The final suggestions of these sub-committees will assist Travelers in directing their efforts and resources. More importantly, the steering committee will guide the MTA on internal changes that may be implemented to improve our work comp results.

### **Transitional Duty Program**

Risk Management and the workers' compensation steering committee have worked closely with Travelers to develop a program for returning injured employees to work, where appropriate, in a modified capacity during their recovery period. Travelers has contributed its resources, in partnership with the MTA, to develop a transitional duty program.

The introduction of this program is designed to reduce existing and future claims and pay for itself in savings from reduced workers' compensation costs. Returning an employee to work in a temporary modified capacity reduces the temporary disability payment owed to that employee under workers' compensation by the amount earned through the program. It also allows the MTA to utilize those skills an injured employee can accomplish instead of losing that employee's services entirely.

Insurance industry studies reveal that a proactive transitional duty program is necessary to control the cost of workers' compensation claims. Employees benefit physically from returning to work in a transitional capacity by remaining active during recovery. They also benefit psychologically through continued connectivity to their normal work lives and relationships.

A transitional duty program will be implemented on January 18, 1999. The program budget for FY99 is \$1.28 million. This fiscal year's budget has been funded by the savings realized through the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), budget savings from favorable excess liability and property insurance renewals, and through transfer of \$175,000 budgeted for a Human Resources Special Assistance Program. That program will be reduced by the implementation of the transitional duty

### program.

Employees will be returned to temporary transitional duties as soon as possible after the date of injury. They will return, whenever possible, to their usual work environment for a maximum of 60 days until they are sufficiently recovered to assume their normal duties. This program is designed to reduce temporary disability payments and keep our injured employees connected to their customary workplace, avoiding the onset of "disability syndrome".

### Joint Powers Authority

MTA and PTSC have formed a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), pursuant to Board authority, for the purposes of pooling the workers' compensation risks for its members, thus saving the cost of premium taxes to both entities. The Travelers policy was converted to reinsurance, effective September 1, 1998. The State of California has issued a Certificate of Self-Insurance to the newly formed JPA, PTSC/MTA Risk Management Authority (PRMA). The savings associated with converting the workers' compensation policy to reinsurance will save both members of the JPA a total of \$900,000 annually off the cost of insurance premiums and \$700,000 from the FY99 budget.

Sincerely,

Deborah Guy

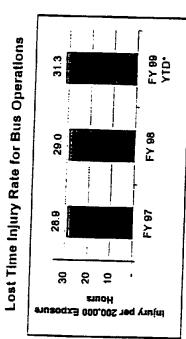
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### WORKERS' COMPENSATION DATA AS OF 11/30/98 MTA



Lost time Injury Rate for Rail Operations



FY 99 YTD\* FY 98 14.5 FY 97 5 20 0 Injury per 200,000 Exposure

• Exposure hours for November 98 average of Jul-Oct 98 hours; actual exposure hours not available at the time of print.

### Top Five Causes of WC Injuries FY 99 Bus Operations

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### Top Five Causes of WC Injuries FY 99 Rail Operations

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	All other	8.3%
	Causes	41 70
	Total	2
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RE: LACMTA Excess Real Property
Acquired under MOS-1 and MOS-2
FY'96 Triennial Review Follow-Up

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This letter is in response to your letter to Mr. Julian Burke dated December 22, 1998 regarding excess real property.

MTA was requested to provide an update of the status of certain parcels within 30 days of the date of your letter and an overall update on the status of the parcels by June 30, 1999. A response to your specific request is included in the attached summary as well as an overall update on the status of MTA's plans for use or disposition of the excess parcels. An additional update will be provided to you on or before June 30, 1999.

Please contact me at (213) 922-2415 if you need additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Velma C. Marshall Director of Real Estate

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### ADVANCED LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM (ALAP) PARCELS METRO RAIL PROJECT - MOS-2 CA-90-0022

### 1. Parcel A1-250/Wilshire Vermont Station Wilshire/Western Station

The MTA sent out a Request for Proposals for interim joint development in 1997. Only one proposal was received and it was deemed to be non-responsive.

The MTA is currently procuring real estate consultant expertise to assist in determining the most appropriate steps to attract and implement a joint development at these two station sites. In late January, 1999, the MTA will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) directed at firms that provide economic development and market analyses services. The scope of work to be conducted includes:

- Highest and best use analysis, including a market analysis, if necessary.
- Analysis of likely rate of return to the MTA for joint development.
- Site recommendations, including a summary of development potential for each property.
- Most appropriate next steps to attract and implement joint development.
- Assistance, if requested by MTA, in implementing next steps including marketing site, preparing development RFP's, negotiating joint development agreements, and other services.

The MTA is also coordinating with the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles in discussing joint development proposals for the Wilshire/Western site.

### 2. B-102 and B-103 - Temple Beaudry

The current Cash Counting Facility is not large enough to store the extra equipment and supplies needed to service the new Red Line Stations and the Blue Line Expansion and a new, larger facility is needed. The MTA Revenue Department received grant funds for the design work on a new building. Capital funds have been requested to construct a new facility in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that is currently being prepared. Once the budget review process is completed, we will know whether funds will be available to proceed with construction of a new cash counting facility at this location. If funding is not available or will not be available in the foreseeable future, MTA will recommend development or disposition of this parcel. This parcel will be included in the RFP for a consultant to provide economic development and market analysis services discussed above. FTA will be kept informed on the status of these parcels.

### 3. A1-300 and A2-301 - Wilshire/Crenshaw

FTA concurred with the sale of these two adjoining parcels. The process has been initiated to obtain an appraisal to establish the fair market value of the parcels. A Phase One environmental assessment will also be obtained. Disposition of the parcels will be in compliance with Article 8 of the California Government Code Sections 54220-54232. This Code Section requires public agencies to notify local public agencies and municipalities of the availability of surplus properties prior to notifying the general public that the property is available for sale. The appraisal, environmental investigation and notice period to the public agencies is expected to take 3 to 4 months to complete.

### 4. A2-362 - Wilshire/La Brea

FTA concurred with MTA's decision to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for joint development of this parcel. Prior to issuing an RFP for development proposals, this parcel will be included in the RFP for a consultant to provide economic development and market analyses services (see first item above). After this data is available, a focused RFP will be issued for this parcel which will seek to obtain proposals that will yield the highest and best economic use of the parcel. MTA is currently obtaining an appraisal and a Phase One environmental investigation of the parcel.

### 5. Parcels A4-755, A4-765, A4-767, A4-772, A4-774, A4-761 - Universal City Station C4-815 - North Hollywood Station

The MTA is currently soliciting development advice and guidance in anticipation of construction completion in the year 2000 and in response to recent interest from the development industry about station area development opportunities. In late January, 1999, the MTA will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) directed at firms that provide economic development and market analyses services. The scope of work to be conducted is outlined in Item #1 above.

### LACMTA EXCESS REAL PROPERTY METRO RAIL PROJECT - MOS-1 CA-03-0130

### 1. Parcels A1-015, A1-016, and A1-021

Parcels A1-015 and A1-016 are still being used in support of Segment 2 and Segment 3 construction and are expected to continue to be used in support of MTA operations. Parcel A1-021 will be leased to an adjacent property owner until a determination is made for its long term requirements. If it is determined that the parcel is not needed for MTA construction or operational requirements, the parcel will be recommended for disposition.

### 2. Parcel A1-209, A1-211, A1-220, A1-221/225, A1-222 and A1-224 - Alvarado Station

The Master Plan Joint Development Project located at the Wilshire Alvarado Station has secured 9.8 million dollars in funding for the construction of the Westlake MacArthur Park Intercept Intermodal Facility. The funding is to be spent on a 600-650 parking structure and pedestrian enhancements/linkages to the station. The request for proposal for bid documentation of the design/build contract will be released in January, 1999. Bids will be reviewed over the next four months. The consultant will be awarded a contract in May 1999. An RFP for design build should be released in July and construction should commence early in the year 2000.

An additional EDA grant in the amount of 3.4 million has been awarded to the City of Los Angeles, specifically for the purpose of purchasing properties adjacent to the location of the proposed parking structure. The non-profit corporation, Transit Community Development Corporation, TCDC, has obtained appraisals of these properties and is working with the City on becoming the lead in the possible purchase and development of these properties. With these properties and the construction of the parking structure, the City of Los Angeles should be able to find a private developer to invest in a grocery market, housing or mixed use development.



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January 28, 1999

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration Region IX 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210 San Francisco, CA 94105

### METRO RAIL RED LINE SEGMENT 3 PROJECT FTA CREDIT FOR INDIRECT COSTS

Dear Mr. Rogers:

On November 25, 1998, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) sent a letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) indicating that the MTA had credited federal Section 5309 grants for \$23,364,131 in ineligible indirect expenses on the Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3 Project. At the December 8, 1998 FTA Quarterly Review meeting, FTA requested that the MTA provide verification of the accounting adjustments.

Enclosed is information prepared by the MTA Accounting Department which documents the subject adjustments. Please note that the actual amount that was credited to the federal grants was \$23,032,967, not the \$23,364,131 stated in our November letter. The difference of \$331,164 reflects a April 1997 credit to federal grants for the Mid-City Extension indirect expenses.

I hope that this information is sufficient to meet your needs. If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 922-2474.

Sincerely,

**BRIAN BOUDREAU** 

Director

Grants Management & Administration

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Enclosure

cc: Jim Kenna, FTA

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Red Rail Line, MOS-3 Projects
Indirect Labor Adjustments
November 1998

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January 25, 1999

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration Region IX 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210 San Francisco, CA 94105

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Dear Mr. Rogers:

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The Operations Department continues to support the myriad of tasks leading up to a successful revenue operations date. Rail Operations continues to focus its efforts in several specific areas of concern, i.e., recruitment of operations personnel, availability of rail revenue rolling stock, the TRACS or central train control and monitoring system and working along with construction staff to assure completion of Phase II systems integration testing prior to ROD.

To date, MTA Rail Operations has an active heavy rail fleet of 30 vehicles. Since the opening the initial Metro Red Line Segment, the MTA has exercised several options with its heavy rail vehicle manufacturer, i.e., Breda (Construzioni Ferroviarie) that will raise the total number of heavy rail cars to 104. To date, some 49 of these new option cars have been delivered to the MTA; of these, 36 have been accepted with only four available for revenue service; however, all are undergoing warranty repairs. It is projected that a minimum of 52 heavy rail vehicles initially will be required for the Metro Red Line when it is extended to Hollywood.

In order to assure availability of this required number of cars for revenue service next Spring, Rail Operations has established a tiger team consisting of rail equipment maintenance personnel, train operators, supervisors, procurement staff, quality assurance staff, construction project staff and supporting contractor and consultant staff. This team is working daily to assure sufficient vehicle availability for operations by the projected start of pre-revenue operations mid-April. While window gasket replacements continue, door functioning problems show slight improvements. Vehicle propulsion related problems causing the regenerative braking system to be disconnected continue to be evaluated by the contractor. Sufficient quantities of vehicle emergency trip stop component replacements are expected to be installed prior to the start of pre-revenue operations; however, the MTA has yet to receive drawings and tests for the redesigned component.

FTA Quarterly Review Meeting—Status of Rail Operations Activities January 25, 1999 Page 2

The TRACS system is critical to Rail Operations to monitor and control the safe, reliable and efficient operation of the heavy rail system. Various features of the TRACS system are dependent upon successful resolution of several hardware and software problems. In addition, resolution of procurement/contractual issues, such as with the data radio system, has a direct bearing on the system's achieving efficiencies incorporated in the system's overall operating design. It is hoped that remaining software and hardware problems associated with TRACS will be resolved well before ROD. If not, manual operation procedures for some to be automated functions will be in place. In fact, it is anticipated that all deficiencies related to fire/life/safety issues as well as systems integrated testing will be resolved and completed well before ROD.

In conclusion, Rail Operations continues to work closely with its Construction colleagues to assure a safe, reliable and efficient extension to the heavy rail system.

Sincerely,

James P. Reichert Executive Officer Transit Operations



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Re: Quarterly Update on Status of Key Legal Actions

Dear Renee:

Attached please find the quarterly update as of December 31, 1998, of the Status of Key Legal Actions Related to Federally Funded Projects. In addition, I will send you copies of documents on key cases in this report like the Consent Decree and the Beauchamp case.

Please call if you have any questions (213) 922-2528.

Very truly yours,

LLOYD W. PELLMAN County Counsel

By:

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Principal Deputy County Counsel

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c: Leslie Rogers Steven Carnevale Jeff Christiansen Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Status of Key Legal Actions Related to Federally Funded MTA Projects Date as of December 31, 1998

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Beauchamp, Larry, et al. v. LACMTA, et al.	CV 8 0402 CNB	ALL	Plaintiffs, disabled bus patrons, allege MTA and its contractor, Ryder/ATE, violated the ADA and section 504 of the	Motion for Preliminary
	(BQRx)		Rehabilitation Act by failing to maintain bus wheelchair lifts and	injunction
			related equipment. Plaintiffs seek damages and an injunction	issued;
			requiring full and equal access.	discovery initiated;
Fonseca, Jose, et al. v.	BC195151	MRL-	Petition for Writ of Mandate by East L.A. residents and	Trial
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Gerlinger (MTA) v.	BC150298,	MOS-1 and	Qui Tam action. Concerns allegations of overbilling by MTA's	Discovery
Parsons	etc.	CA-03-0341,	construction Manager, Parsons-Dillingham. County Counsel	Stage.
Dillingham		CA-90-X642	joined as prosecuting Authority for MTA. MTA has also filed its	•
			own lawsuit against Parsons-Dillingham for breach of contract,	
			fraud and accounting. June 1, 1999 Trial date.	
Hanneken v. MTA;	BC116625	CA-03-0341,	These cases involve owners, merchants and tenants who claimed	Partially
		CA-90-X642;	damages caused by MTA construction activities on Hollywood,	Settled.
			Vermont and Lankershim Blvds and Runyon Canyon. All of the	
Universal Hyundai v.	BC142385	CA-90-X575,	property owner cases in the Hollywood area where the most	
MIA;		CA-03-0392;	significant subsidence occurred (6500 Block) have been settled	
Nhut Dang v. MTA;	BC153683	CA-03-0341,	by the MTA's insurance carrier. The remaining cases are being negotiated by the MTA's insurance carrier. Runyon Canvon	
		CA-90-X642;	property owners (Weber)claim a diminution in property values	
			because of the presence of the Red Line Tunnels beneath their	
Hollywood Edgemont v. MTA;	BC148113	CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642;	properties. The Hollywood Edgemont cases are awaiting trial and should be resolved in 1999.	
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Weber v. MTA	BC163711	CA-90-X575, CA-03-0392		
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Hollywood Blvd.	CV962580J	CA-90-X575	Several community groups sought to halt subway construction	On Appeal
al. v. MTA	פט (אואיכא)	CA-03-0392	beneath Hollywood and the Santa Monica Mountains alleging that the MTA and U.S. Dept. of Transportation failed to adequately	
			consider environmental impacts of subway construction on the	
			Hollywood Historic District and Kunyon Canyon Park. The Court oranted MTA's and U.S. DOT's motions for summary indoment	
			on May 6, 1997. On July 3, 1997, Plaintiffs filed a timely appeal.	
			The parties are awaiting the decision of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal.	
Labor/Community	CV94-	ALL	On October 28, 1996, Federal Judge Terry Hatter approved a	Settled.
Strategy	5936TJH		Consent Decree reached between the Authority and the class	Parties are
Center v. MTA			action plaintiffs. The Consent Decree provides for the Authority	currently in a
			to: (i) reduce its load factor (i.e. the number of people who stand	proceeding
			on the bus) to certain targets, (ii) expand bus service	before the
			improvements by making available a net of 102 additional buses,	special
			(iii) implement a pilot project, followed by a Five Year Plan, to	master to
			facilitate access to County-wide jobs, education and health	ensure load
			centers, (iv) not increase cash fares for two years and pass fares	factor
			for three years beginning December 1, 1996, after which the	compliance
			Authority may raise fares subject to certain conditions of the	and a Five
			Consent Decree and (v) introduce a weekly pass and an off-peak	Year Plan.
			discount fare on selected lines.	
Metro East	BC158879	CA-90-X575,	MTA has appealed Order granting petition for writ of mandate to	On Appeal.
Consultants v. MTA		CA-03-0392	invalidate award of Eastside Construction Management contract.	
Mid-Wilshire	BC106135	CA-03-0341	All of these cases claim construction impacts on businesses and	Settled/Tried
Associates v. MTA;	BC113523	CA-90X642	properties along Wilshire Blvd. These cases have been settled	/Appealed
Willern Associates v.			by the MTA insurance carrier or tried to judgment and the	
MTA; Total Properties			judgment paid by the MTA insurance carrier. Three cases are on	
v., MTA			appeal.	
MTA v. Argonaut;	BC171636	MOS-1,	MTA is in litigation with its carrier to determine the number of	Discovery
Argonaut v. MTA	BC156601	CA-03-0341,	deductibles owed for Argonaut's insurance coverage on the Red	Stage.
		CA-90-X642,	Line Project. MTA alleges bad faith by Argonaut in administering	
		CA-90-X575,	MTA's insurance coverage on the Red Line.	
		700-00-00		

N.TA v Pareon	RC179027	MOS-1 and	MTA filed suit against Parsons Dillingham for fraud april Broach of	Diecoyony
	1705 1100	MOO-1 and	ואור א ווופט פעונ פטפווופרן פו פטונים ביותו וער ווופט פווט בופטרון טו	Discovery
Dillingham		CA-03-0341,	Contract in the performance of construction management	Stage.
		CA-90-X642	services. June 1, 1999 Trial date.	
MTA v. SKK; SKK v.	BC136559,	CA-03-0341,	These cases revolve around MTA's default of Shea-Kiewit-Kenny	All except
MTA	etc.	CA-90-X642	("SKK") on contract B251. Claims include breach of contract,	one case
		and CA-90-	extra work claims, conversion of contractor equipment and MTA's	stayed
		X575,	removal of biased disputes review board member. MTA cross-	pending
		CA-03-0392	complained for breach of contract and fraud. Except for case	Exhaustion
			BC124540 which is in discovery stage the other actions have	of Admin.
			been stayed pending exhaustion of administrative remedies.	Remedies.
			Trial court decision in favor of MTA's decision to terminate its	
			DRB appointees, was upheld on appeal. U.S. Supreme Court	
V	00000000	7577 00 40	defined only a pennon for cent.	
Obayashi v. MTA	EC024692	CA-90-X5/5,	Obayashi, tunnel contractor for the tunnel beneath Lankershim	Discovery
		CA-03-0392	Blvd., claims breach of contract for work performed on contract	Stage.
			C331.	
Rescue Our Canyons,	CV962078J	CA-90-X575,	On June 26, 1996, the parties entered into a Consent Decree to	Settled.
et al.	GD (RMCx)	CA-03-0392	protect Runyon Canyon Park and private property during the	
v. MTA, et al.			Hollywood Hills subway tunneling. The Consent Decree makes a	
			finding that compliance with the Decree along with the prior MTA	
			environmental documentation constitutes sufficient information to	
			satisfy state and federal environmental requirements. The MTA	
			is in compliance with the Consent Decree.	
Steiny v. MTA	BC145950	CA-03-0341,	These case have been brought by Steiny, an electrical	Discovery
	BC178939	CA-90-X642	subcontractor, for breach of contract arising out of the installation	Stage.
			of the electrical work on the Vermont Red Line Station.	
Tutor-Saliba-Perini v.	BC123559	CA-03-0341,	These cases have been brought by Tutor-Saliba-Perini, the prime	Trial
MTA	BC132998	CA-90-X642	confractor for construction of the Normandie and Western	pending.
			stations, against the MTA for breach of contract. Trial will be set	
			in 1999.	
Tutor-Saliba-Perini v.	BC193559	CA-03-0341,	Tutor-Saliba-Perini claims breach of contract relating to the	Discovery
MIA		CA-90-X642	disposal of contaminated soils under to contracts B241 and B261.	Stage.

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BUS ACQUISITION PLAN

The attached Bus Acquisition Plan essentially demonstrates that the MTA will be ready and able to accept and operate the anticipated coaches shown in the purchase plan.

The most significant element of the plan involves the use of a public private partnership to construct, and operate facilities at Divisions 5,7, and 9. This approach will allow bringing these facilities up to speed more quickly than under a traditional procurement process.

While the plan needs refinement, it lays out architecture strategy to achieve our goals.

Attachment

### PLAN OUTLINE FOR ACQUISITION OF CNG COACHES

The MTA has embarked on an ambitious program to acquire 2,095 new CNG powered coaches by the year 2004. This plan outlines the steps needed to accommodate these coaches.

## **BUS PURCHASES**

The current plan calls for the purchase and acceptance of coaches as follows:

<u>Order</u>	<u>Number</u>	Status of Fleet
Original Neoplan order	294 coaches	In Service
Second Neoplan order	300 coaches	292/300 in service
Neoplan option	100 coaches	<b>Expected Delivery</b>
		3/99 to 7/99
New Flyer	223 coaches	Expected Delivery
		8/99 to 12/99
NABI	215 coaches	Expected Delivery
		12/99 to 5/2000
New Flyer Option	223 coaches	Expected Delivery
		8/2000 to 12/2000
New Fleet-current	1355 coaches	In service by 1/1/2001
orders		•
Future orders	740 coaches	<b>Expected Delivery</b>
		4/01 thru 2004
GRAND TOTAL	2095 coaches	

By June, 2001, it is anticipated that 1620 new coaches will be on the MTA property. The fueling capacity at the Divisions as discussed below will be ready to handle that need.

#### **Fueling Capacity**

With the acceptance of new coaches, there is a need to update the facilities currently in existence and add to the fueling capacity at the agency. The facilities plan calls for the following construction activities:

	DIVISION CNG FU	ELING CAPACITY	AND UPGRADE	S
DIVISION	CURRENT CNG CAPACITY (coaches)	FUEL STATION	CAPACITY UPGRADE (coaches)	DATE NEEDED ON LINE
DIV 8	100	IN SERVICE	120	JAN 2000

DI	DIVISION CNG FUELING CAPACITY AND UPGRADES					
DIVISION	CURRENT	FUEL STATION	CAPACITY	DATE		
	CNG		UPGRADE	NEEDED		
	CAPACITY		(coaches)	ON LINE		
	(coaches)					
DIV 15	100	IN SERVICE	120	JAN 2000		
DIV 10	180	IN SERVICE	240 (plus 60)	JAN 2001		
DIV 18	180	IN SERVICE	240 (plus 60)	JAN 2001		
DIV 3	0	UNDER	180	JUNE 1999		
		CONSTRUCTION				
DIV5	0	IN PLAN	200	JAN 2000		
DIV 7	0	IN PLAN	200	JAN 2000		
DIV 9	0	IN PLAN	200	JAN 2000		
DIV 1	0	IN PLAN	200	JAN 2002		
DIV 2	0	IN PLAN	200	JAN 2003		
TOTALS	560		1900	*****		

The total fleet size of 2,095 coaches will not be fueled on a daily basis. Some of the coaches will be in maintenance and ultimately some of the coaches will be used for contracted service on existing MTA lines. It should also be noted that these are design capacities which do not account for additional fueling on overtime or at other periods during the day.

Divisions 5, 7, and 9 are likely to be constructed as part of a public/private partnership that will be announced in the next several months. The contractor will be responsible for operating and maintaining the fuel station. It is anticipated that a staff of 5-6 individuals will be needed to support and monitor contractor activities throughout the period. Existing staff (9) maintain current fueling stations and may be augmented in Fiscal year 2000 to handle the MTA owned station at Division 3. If needed, Divisions 1 and 2 can be accelerated.

#### Maintenance Staff Training

Aside from the need to train staff specifically for maintenance of the fueling stations, Service Attendants, Mechanics, and Supervisory personnel will need to be trained to handle, repair, fuel, and diagnose equipment related issues. Training for maintenance staff is planned to occur 3-4 months before the arrival of each order at a Division and will be provided by the Original Equipment Manufacturer. In Fiscal Year 2000, it is anticipated that additional instructors will be hired to provide continuous training for new hires as well as provide retraining as needed.

In addition, the Maintenance and Human Resources Departments are concentrating on the acceleration of hiring for vacant mechanic and maintenance specialist positions, along with vacant supervisory personnel, so that a full complement of staff will be available to maintain the anticipated fleet.

In addition to this training staff is pursuing computer based training programs that mechanics can pursue independently to enhance their skills. The MTA is also focusing its training efforts on the development of Personnel Qualification Standards to insure that mechanics are fully capable before allowing progression to higher levels of responsibility. These training actions plus staff acquisitions will insure that service is met.

#### **Schedule**

A comprehensive schedule will be developed as part of this effort to insure that all milestones are met.

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