

MTA Expects to Present Balanced Budget for FY-2001

(April 25) The MTA expects to present a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2001, Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky reported, Monday, to the Board's Executive Management Committee.

"We have significant savings, particularly in Operations, as the result of some cost-saving measures," Lipsky said. He noted that labor negotiations, which could impact the budget, won't be concluded by the time the final budget is presented.

The budget will be presented to the Board on May 25, following a public hearing scheduled May 18 during the Finance Committee meeting. The Board will conduct a workshop, May 8, on the budget.

Draft mission, vision, goals

Lipsky also reported to the Executive Management Committee that the staff has completed a draft of the MTA mission, vision and goals.

A draft of the mission statement says the MTA "is responsible for the continuous improvement of an efficient and effective transportation system for Los Angeles County."

The draft vision statement says the agency's purpose "is to be the recognized leader for realizing a world-class transportation system for Los Angeles County. Our position as a premier transportation agency will be established by:

- A vigilant pursuit of cost-effective, high-quality, mission-critical service delivery;
- An extraordinary record of excellence in planning, construction and engineering;
- A proven competency for innovations in transportation development and,
- An exemplary work environment providing team members with needed services."

Lipsky said the senior staff reorganization announced April 21 "clearly defines the MTA's roles as an operator, a regional planner and as a builder of transportation systems." It also reduces the number of direct reports to the Office of the CEO and pushes more of the decision-making downward.

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