Third Quarterly Review Notes Successes, Improvements of MTA Programs

(May 15) In his opening remarks reviewing the first three months of the year 2000 at the agency's quarterly review held Thursday, May 11, Chief Financial Officer Dick Brumbaugh presented the third quarter financial outlook and praised the efforts of Operations in reporting significant improvements, Countywide Planning and Development in garnering Board adoption of major corridor studies, Accounting in making payroll in record time, and Strategic Planning for facilitating the development of the MTA's mission, vision, goals and 16 agencywide objectives.

Strategic Planning Director April McKay noted, "Finalizing 16 agency-wide objectives with corresponding strategies required teamwork and input from all agency departments."

Agency-wide objectives and strategy team leaders will meet May 25 to kick-off the FY01 program. Strategic Planning will also publish a brochure that will articulate the refined mission, vision, goals and objectives so all employees can be aware of the agency's priorities and help contribute to making them a reality.

Corridor Studies Adopted

Brumbaugh congratulated Countywide Planning & Development for Board adoption of corridor studies that launched preliminary engineering and environmental phases of solutions to traffic and transportation problems of three major areas in the county.

See MTA Report April 17:
Board OKs Environmental
Review
MTA to Seek Federal, State
Funds for Bus, Rail Projects in
Transportation Corridors



Highlights from the third quarter of FY 2000 included:

Administration

Successfully migrated Transit Operator System (TOTs) to payroll data base.

Transit Operations

Achieved record 99.4 percent on-time pull-outs while providing more than 1.5 million revenue service hours.

Trained 219 new operators, 50 mechanics and 20 service attendants.

Removed graffiti from 8,094 MTA buses.

Recognized operator performance by holding "Best of the Best" recognition dinner.

Achieved 99.54 percent on-time pull-outs for light rail services. Maintained 99.8 percent on-time pull-outs for heavy rail services.

Metro Construction

Completed Kaiser entrance (except for communications work) at

Sunset/Vermont Metro Rail Station of Red Line Segment 2.

Completed dynamic testing of all train control and prepared for pre-revenue operations of Metro Red Line Segment 3 to North Hollywood.

Tracked 197 projects, including Blue Line platform extensions and Green Line Maintenance of Way Facility.

Risk Management

Achieved savings for \$3.54 million for the MTA.

Countywide Planning & Development

Submitted \$454.5 million in federal grant applications for Metro Red Line segments 2 and 3, and for bus and rail capital programs.

Received Board adoption of corridor studies.

Completed Universal City joint development.

Achieved \$40,000 revenue service hour savings for Metro Red Line Segment 3 in 5-year service plan.

Procurement

Exceeded all estimating goals, resulting in a \$1.9 million difference in fair cost estimates of Construction and Professional Service Contracts and a \$2.2 million difference in construction estimates.

Maintained a 98.6 percent annual service rate in material supply.

Received 201 New Flyer buses, of which 197 were accepted during the quarter.

Reduced the construction contract backlog by 25 percent.

Finance

Completed installation of Segment 3 Ticket Vending Machines, Refurbished 201 fareboxes and installed 156 fareboxes. Processed 21,379 invoices valued at \$312.3 million and 1,338 subsidy/MOU transactions valued at \$181.6 million.

Office of System Safety and Security

Held an APTA Peer Review of MTA Bus Operator Training. Submitted Bus System Safety Management Plan to APTA. Trained nearly 300 employees in First Aid/CPR and safety procedures.

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