

BOARD ACTION UPDATE: MAY 25

Items to Watch

Board Adopts FY 2001 Budget, Approves Purchase of 370 New CNG Buses at May Meeting

(May 25) The MTA Board approved a \$2.552 billion Fiscal Year 2001 budget at its May meeting, today, and authorized purchase of 370 new CNG buses at a contract cost of \$115.4 million. Among other items approved were motions concerning the Universal Fare System, Metrolink security and funding for Smart Shuttles.

Items approved by the Board in May include:

Item 9 - Metrolink Right-of-Way Security APPROVED BY BOARD.

The action authorizes the CEO to execute a \$7 million MOU between MTA and SCRRA for safety and security services provided by the Sheriff's Department on MTA-owned segments of Metrolink right-of-way located within Los Angeles County for a period of five fiscal years.

Item 11 - Universal Fare System automatic fare collection equipment specifications APPROVED BY BOARD.

This action approved the Universal Fare System (UFS) Combined Technical Specifications for the automatic fare collection equipment and authorizes the CEO to release the Request for Proposal for the acquisition of the highly specialized electronic equipment that would be used in a universal fare system. The equipment would include bus fareboxes and card processors, ticket vending machines and card validators for rail stations and a computer network that, among other things, would interface with a regional fare clearinghouse.

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Item 12 - Purchase of 370 new buses APPROVED BY

BOARD. The Board authorized the CEO to award a fixed-price contract for the purchase of 370 low-floor CNG transit buses. The \$115.4 million contract was awarded to North American Bus Industries (NABI). Deliveries are scheduled to begin by June 30, 2002.

Item 22 - Fiscal Year 2001 Budget APPROVED BY BOARD.

(See Budget story details to be posted later today on MTA Report page.)

Item 31 - MTA contribution to SCRRA budget APPROVED BY BOARD.

The action to approve the FY2001 Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) proposed budget also approves the MTA's contribution of \$31.6 million. The action also reprograms \$600,000 from surplus MTA operating subsidy in the current fiscal year to fund the construction of a second platform and associated track work at the Covina Metrolink Station on the San Bernardino Line.

Item 36 - Subsidies for Smart Shuttle services APPROVED BY BOARD.

This action authorizes the staff to provide continued funding of up to \$2 million for ten of the 12 Smart Shuttle services operated by LADOT in Westlake/Mac Arthur Park, the northeast and west San Fernando Valley and South-Central Los Angeles. The reported high level of ridership on this overlay service, up from a daily average of about 3,000 riders a day to nearly 10,000 riders per day in March 2000, is partly attributable to

the use of MTA passes and transfers as full fare, a procedure that became operative this year.

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