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## Board Approves 9 Metro Freeway Service Patrol Contracts

By JOSÉ UBALDO

(Jan. 22, 2003) The MTA Board today approved nine three-year contracts, valued at \$11.5 million, that will keep the Metro Freeway Service Patrol (MFSP) in operation assisting stranded motorists along various Los Angeles County freeways.

The MFSP program consists of 41 different designated freeway segments, or "beats", served by 147 tow trucks that patrol more than 400 miles of congested freeway.

Three new contractors are joining the Metro Freeway Service Patrol to minimize traffic congestion caused by minor incidents such as the need to change flat tires, jump-start cars, refill radiators, tape leaky hoses, and put a gallon of fuel in empty tanks.

Since the MFSP started in 1991, its drivers have helped more than 3.7million motorists. MTA, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Caltrans jointly manage the program.

MTA funds the program through local Proposition "C" sales taxes and state highway funds.