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Board OKs Parking Ticket Plan, Central Computer Data System

- Action deferred on four other issues

(Nov. 2, 2004) The Board of Directors approved motions at its October meeting concerning parking violations on Metro property and a central computer data system. Four other issues have been deferred to future meetings.

Item 26, Parking Citations: The Board approved a motion giving Metro Security officers authority to issue tickets for parking violations on agency property.

In addition to helping solve parking problems, the revenue from the citations will be used to offset security and enforcement costs. Metro Security officers would not be permitted to issue parking tickets in a bus zone or other areas "considered to be an extension of the public highway."

Item 27, Universal Fare System: The Board voted to give the CEO authority to negotiate a \$6.1 million contract modification with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc., to provide a regional central data computer system for the Universal Fare System's TAP card program.

The central data computer system would be the primary collection point for bus and rail fare information gathered each day from Metro and the municipal transit operators participating in the TAP (smart card) program.

Action deferred

The Board deferred action on three issues for consideration at future meetings. Committee action deferred a fourth motion for at least a month. The items are:

Item 6, Boyle Heights Development. A local developer wants to build a multi-screen theater complex, 139 residential units and 74,000 square feet of retail space on a 3.55-acre site owned by Metro in Boyle Heights. Deferred until December.

Item 18, Construction Change Order Procedures. Current Metro contracting practices require the agency to audit contractors' proposed change order costs if the cost exceeds \$100,000. Under the proposed ordinance, Metro's estimating unit would price proposed change orders and management audit would review the estimates.

If a contractor's estimates for the job did not exceed Metro's estimates by more than 5 percent, the contractor's price could be accepted without further audit. If the contractor's price exceeded Metro's estimates by more than 5 percent, the contractor could accept Metro's estimate or request a higher value. If the higher value exceeded \$100,000, the contractor would be required to justify those costs and

submit its estimates to Metro for auditing.

Action on the item was deferred until November.

Item 20, Metro Orange Line Recovery Plan. With indications that construction of the Metro Orange Line has fallen five months behind schedule, a motion before the Board would have authorized the CEO to execute a \$7.9 million plan to recover schedule delays and settle the contractor's time-related claims. The issue was deferred until the December Board meetings.

Items 7 & 21, Subway Construction Ban. In committee action, the Planning and Programming Committee and the Construction Committee deferred action on Los Angeles City Councilman and MTA Director Tom LaBonge's motion asking the Board to "support an effort to overturn the 1998 prohibition on the use of Proposition A funds (for) subway construction...."

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