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Freeway Service Patrol Expansion Among June Board Motions

(June 10, 2005) Expansion of the Metro Freeway Service Patrol, ATMS equipment for contractor-operated buses, surveillance cameras and robotic carts are among the items on agendas for June's Board committee meetings.

Item 29. Freeway Service Patrol.

The Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) would expand selected weekday and weekend service in existing patrol areas, under a plan the staff is recommending to the Operations Committee.

The committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to amend the contracts of the 20 FSP towing companies by a total of \$3.5 million. Under the proposed plan, the FSP would provide service from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekends. The number of tow trucks would increase from 33 to 44 on weekday mid-days and from 28 to 42 on weekends.

Item 28. ATMS Equipment. Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) equipment would be installed on 100 contractor-operated Metro buses and in two road supervisor vehicles under a plan the staff is recommending to the Operations Committee.

The committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to award a \$2 million contract to Motorola, Inc., for purchase and installation of the ATMS equipment. Contractors currently operate 168 Metro buses on local and shuttle routes. Installing the system will enhance the Bus Operations Center's ability to address emergency situations quickly, as well as allowing Metro's Contract Services field representatives to better monitor and manage contractor-operated buses.

Item 37. Surveillance Cameras. Surveillance cameras installed on 130 Neoplan buses in the late 1990s are now obsolete and should be replaced, the Metro staff is recommending to the Operations Committee.

June Meetings

- Wednesday, June 15

Planning and
Programming,
1 p.m.

- Thursday, June 16

Executive
Management
and Audit,
9 a.m.

Finance and
Budget
10:30 a.m.

Operations,
1 p.m.

Construction
(cancelled)

- Thursday, June 23

Board of
Directors
Monthly
Meeting,
9:30 a.m.

The committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to award a \$667,162 contract to GE Infrastructure Security to remove the obsolete cameras and install new ones on the Carson Division 18 buses. Unlike the old cameras, the new cameras can be integrated into the Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) for storing and transmitting images to a central monitoring system.

Item 32. RRC Robots. The 11 robotic carts, called Automated Guideway Vehicles (AGV), that deliver parts and material to various locations within the Regional Rebuild Center have outlived their service life and must be replaced, the Metro staff is recommending to the Operations Committee. The performance of the AGV system, installed in 1986, has become unreliable and frequently breaks down.

The committee will consider a motion authorizing the CEO to award a \$1.7 million to HK Systems, Inc., of Salt Lake City, for 11 new AGVs and an upgrade of the computer control system to radio frequency technology that would replace the outdated and problematic wire guidance system that directs the driverless carts around the RRC and Central Warehouse.

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