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### Board Committees to Consider LAX Shuttle, Rail Car Seats, New Division 6 Agreements

(Jan. 13, 2006) Board committees will consider some 29 items during their meetings, Jan. 18 and 19, including a motion that would allow the FlyAway airport shuttle to serve passengers at the Patsaouras Transit Plaza.

Other motions include one that would authorize the refurbishing of all Metro Rail car seats and another that would approve a land exchange agreement between developers interested in building a new bus operating division to replace Venice Division 6.

**Item 17, Union Station to LAX Shuttle.** Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is seeking a three-year agreement with Metro to use the Patsaouras Transit Plaza as a terminal for its popular FlyAway Service to LAX. The Executive Management and Audit Committee will consider a motion at its Jan. 19 meeting authorizing the CEO to execute the agreement.

The agreement would give LAWA exclusive use of the kiosk at the southern end of the Transit Plaza for ticket sales, passenger information and service monitoring. The agreement would permit FlyAway buses to share Berth 9 on the Plaza, would open the P-4 level of the USG garage for FlyAway patron parking and would permit staging of up to two FlyAway buses at Terminal 31 adjacent to the Regional Rebuild Center.

FlyAway buses could operate on up to 15-minute peak period headways but, initially, 30-minute headways are more likely. The 24-hour service will provide a direct link between LAX and the Metro Red and Gold Lines, Metro Bus, Metrolink and AMTRAK service at Union Station.

Metro anticipates receiving between \$44,000 and \$210,000 in additional parking revenues from FlyAway patrons over the three-year life of the agreement.

**Item 24, New Upholstery for Rail Cars.** The seats on all rail cars currently operating on the Metro Red and Blue Lines will be refurbished under a contract that goes before the Operations Committee for consideration, Jan. 19.

#### Board Committee Meetings

##### Wednesday, Jan. 18

- Planning and Programming, 1 p.m.
- Finance and Budget, 2:30 p.m.

##### Thursday, Jan. 19

- Executive Management and Audit, 9 a.m.
- Construction, 10:30 a.m.
- Operations, 12 noon

##### Thursday, Jan. 26

- Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m.

In the first year of the proposed five-year, \$412,213 agreement, a Gardena company would refurbish 12,272 Metro Red Line car seats, 10,488 Metro Blue Line seats and 200 seats on Metro Green and Gold Line cars.

In subsequent years, the contractor would refurbish 300 to 400 seats a year for each rail line.

The seats, with new foam padding, would be reupholstered in the same fabric now used on the Metro Green and Gold Line fleets. The seats would have a uniform appearance and would be durable and graffiti-resistant.

The new 2550 rail cars now on order will be upholstered with the same material. That will allow Rail Operations to standardize seating materials throughout the light- and heavy-rail fleets, reducing both refurbishing costs and delays that could be caused by having to order a variety of upholstery materials.

**Item 28, New Division 6.** The Operations Committee will consider a motion that allows the CEO to consent to a reassignment of a land exchange agreement from RAD Jefferson, proposed developer of a new Division 6 facility in West LA, to KB Home Coastal, Inc., a nationwide housing developer.

The agreements, originally adopted in October 2003, provide for the exchange of Metro's Division 6 property in Venice for a new bus operating facility south of the Santa Monica Freeway on Jefferson Boulevard between National and Rodeo.

If the reassignment is approved, the agreements will remain in full force and the developer will be obligated to start construction of the new division by April 1, 2006. The project is expected to be completed in 15 months or by June 30, 2007. Once Metro occupies the new facility, it will transfer the Venice property to KB Home and make an equalizing payment.