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Board Approves LAX Shuttle Pact, Rail Car Seat Upholstery
(Feb. 1, 2006) The Board approved motions at its Jan. 26 meeting that allow the FlyAway airport shuttle to serve passengers at the Patsaouras Transit Plaza and that call for refurbishing seats on all Metro Rail cars.

Item 17, Union Station to LAX Shuttle. The Board approved a three-year agreement that will allow Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to use the Patsaouras Transit Plaza as a terminal for its FlyAway Service to LAX. The CEO was authorized to execute the agreement.

Under the agreement LAWA will have exclusive use of the kiosk at the southern end of the Transit Plaza for ticket sales, passenger information and service monitoring. The agreement permits FlyAway buses to share Berth 9 on the Plaza, opens the P-4 level of the USG garage for FlyAway patron parking and permits 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 Board approved a motion to refurbish seats on all rail cars currently operating on the Metro Red and Blue Lines.

In the first year of its five-year, \$412,213 agreement, a Gardena company will 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 will refurbish 300 to 400 seats a year for each rail line.

The seats, with new foam padding, will be reupholstered in the same fabric now used on the Metro Green and Gold Line fleets. The seats would have a uniform appearance and will 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. A motion to allow 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, was pulled from the agenda and was not considered by the Board.