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MTA BOARD ACTION PAVES WAY FOR FUTURE INSTALLATION OF AS MANY AS 10 AUTOMATED PUBLIC TOILETS AT METRO BUS AND RAIL LOCATIONS

The MTA Board today authorized CEO Julian Burke to execute an agreement for the installation, operation and maintenance of up to 10 Automated Public Toilets (APTs) at specific Metro Bus and Rail locations. The installation of the APTs would provide service facilities for passengers, bus operators and the general public at no charge.

The agreement with Omni Outdoor/Strategic Technologies International, Inc. ("OMNI/STI") would also include the installation, operation and maintenance of up to 54 outdoor advertising structures (kiosks and/or billboards) at other MTA-owned properties. The advertising sites would provide a source of revenue to finance the cost of the installation, operation and maintenance of the APTs, and also would provide an ongoing source of revenue to the MTA.

Once the APTs are installed, OMNI/STI will inspect them daily to ensure that they are clean and graffiti free. MTA staff will work with OMNI/STI to finalize the locations for the APTs and the advertising sites prior to any installation.

The first of the APTs could be installed by mid-2000. The agreement with OMNI/STI would call for an initial contract period of 10 years. Provisions for an option to extend the term for an additional 10 years and to install up to an additional 10 APTs will be included in the final agreement.

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businesses west of the Hollywood/Vine station that have been impacted by construction, yet won't be served by the subway for another year," said Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA Board member Zev Yaroslavsky. "That's what this is really all about."

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