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METRO STATEMENT

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**U.S. District Court Review of
Special Master's Remedial Service Plan**

U.S. District Court Judge Terry Hatter has affirmed the Special Master's Remedial Service Plan of January 12, 2004 and denied Metro's limited appeal of the order's directive to place 145 additional buses into service by December 2004.

Metro has always agreed to provide all of the service described in the Special Master's Remedial Service Plan, but had taken the position that the service could be provided with fewer than the 145 buses ordered by the Special Master through more efficient management of its fleet. With the denial of its appeal, Metro not only will provide all of the service ordered by the Special Master, but will utilize all of the 145 buses identified in the Remedial Service Plan.

At its July 22, 2004 meeting, the Metro Board of Directors will consider what, if any, action to take with regard to Judge Hatter's order.

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