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STATEMENT

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MTA Statement:
**Regarding Special Master Rejection to
Extend Consent Decree**
By Frank Roberts, MTA Board Chair

MTA is proud of the accomplishments that have been made over the years to improve the Metro Bus System. MTA applauds the recent decision by Special Master Donald T. Bliss to reject a bid by the Bus Riders Union to extend the current 10-year consent decree past its October 2006 deadline.

We believed all along that we were making great progress in addressing overcrowding on the bus system by adding hundreds of buses into service and developing new Metro services for the transit dependent.

As Chair, I pledge to continue to improve our services and remain confident that once the federal consent decree is over, patrons of the Metro Bus System will be pleased with all that has been done by MTA to improve Metro Bus service.

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