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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2004**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AND
FY04 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT A \$4.577
MILLION FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AND AMEND
FY04 BUDGET**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to accept a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$4,577,000 and amend the FY04 budget to reflect this increase in revenues and expenditures.

ISSUE

The MTA has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,577,000 to fund specified security improvements (Attachment A) in support of the regional Metro bus and rail system. The MTA's regional mass transit system is considered a critical infrastructure and this agency, along with our federal funding partners, are taking deliberate actions to enhance overall security. This \$4.577 million grant will fund several important security upgrades over the next two years.

MTA security and operations staff, along with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Transit Services Bureau, have planned and structured a range of capital improvements and equipment acquisitions designed to enhance overall Metro System security. The security enhancements to be funded through this grant are consistent with the federally-sponsored security assessments conducted for the MTA over the past several months.

The security enhancements funded by this grant will assist this agency, and our partners in federal, state and local government, in our joint continuing efforts to enhance the security of the homeland.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Acceptance of this \$4.577 million federal Homeland Security grant is consistent with MTA's adopted security policy. These federal funds will support the MTA's efforts in implementing overall system security policy and program enhancements.

OPTIONS

No options or alternatives were considered.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this federal grant will increase the MTA's budget by \$4,577,000 in FY04. We expect a sizable portion of these funds to be "carried over" to FY05 as this is a two-year grant and completion of the grant funded acquisitions and activities will not be completed until the end of FY05 (June 30, 2005).

The FY04 Capital Budget will be amended to reflect this total agency budget increase of \$4,577,000. This increase includes \$1,526,900 in Cost Center 2610 Operations Security and \$3,050,100 in Cost Center 3920 Rail Operations, Wayside Systems.

DISCUSSION

In the months after the 9-11 terrorist attacks on America, the MTA, and other government agencies including the FTA, conducted a series of security assessments of the Metro Transit System designed to provide information to the administration on the highest priority security enhancements. Major security assessments were conducted for the largest public transit agencies throughout the nation. Information from those assessments provided a basis for the United States Department of Homeland Security to develop a grant funding strategy and program designed to address the most immediate and most important security needs of the transit industry. This \$4,577,000 federal grant is the second grant received by the MTA to enhance security. In 2002, the MTA received a \$50,000 FTA grant to support anti-terrorism exercises, drills and training. Most of that grant has been expended on a series of multi-agency field exercises.

Receipt of this grant allows the MTA to proceed with a well thought-out set of security enhancements that support the multimodal transit system. These timely funds provide an opportunity to implement certain security enhancements that will increase this agency's ability to provide state-of-the-art security programs and systems. Staff proposes to capitalize on recent advances in technology to enhance security, and this grant provides a sound footing upon which to build this high-tech security upgrade program.

NEXT STEPS

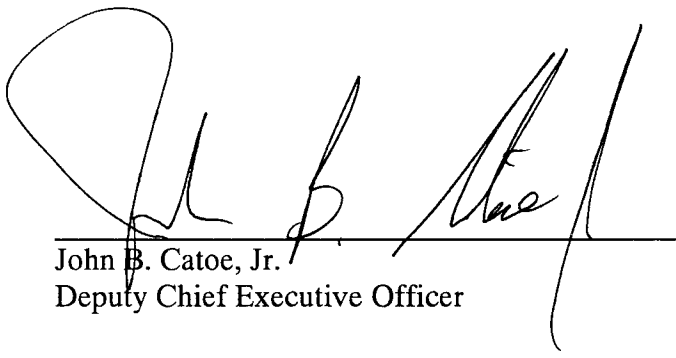
If members of the Board of Directors, or their staff, would like to receive a confidential briefing on the specific projects and enhancements planned to be funded by this grant, staff will make arrangements at the convenience of the Board Members.

Staff will report back to the Board periodically on the progress of these Metro System-wide homeland security enhancements.

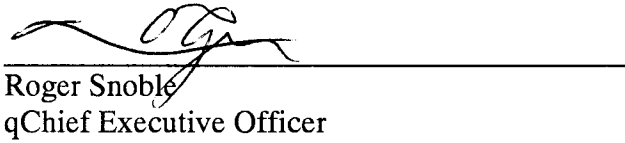
ATTACHMENTS

A. \$4.577 Million Security Grant Breakdown

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ATTACHMENT A

Items to be funded by the \$4,577,000 Federal Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security

- \$1,546,850** Enhancements to the Metro System Real Time Closed Circuit Television System.
- \$1,388,050** Enhancements to the Real Time Metro System Environmental Monitoring System.
- \$253,000** Enhancements to the Metro System Security Communications System.
- \$426,000** High Technology Emergency Response Vehicles to support the Metro System.
- \$311,700** Physical Security Enhancements for the Metro System.
- \$531,400** Advanced Anti-Terrorism Training and Equipment.
- \$120,000** Multi-Agency Anti-Terrorism Drills and Exercises.

