

Motion by John Fasana - MTA Board Meeting - February 26, 2004

Universal Fare System (UFS) Regional Clearing House

Whereas MTA and the municipal operators have invested over a decade in the planning and programming of regional funds to ensure "seamless travel" for all transit patrons in Los Angeles county;

And whereas the MTA and munis approved the standards and definition for this regional program through the adoption of the Universal Fare System (UFS);

And whereas the MTA Board allocated regional funding for MTA and municipal operators to purchase the required automated fare collection devices as their first step to achieve interoperability among participating agencies;

And whereas the Regional Clearinghouse, the final step to allow seamless travel, has not been appropriated funding by MTA for its design and development;

And whereas currently in the absence of this Regional Clearinghouse, the UFS program cannot be completed to ensure such interoperability with MTA and its regional partners,

And whereas in the absence of UFS, MTA will continue to have a fare structure that is prone to fraud, difficult to administer by drivers, and overly complex to passengers,

And whereas the MTA Board directed staff at its September 2003 meeting, to complete a comprehensive analysis on these next steps for the Regional Clearinghouse,

I therefore move that:

- Staff return to the Board within 30 days with their completed analysis on the cost and administrative structure to implement, operate and maintain a Regional UFS Clearinghouse;
- MTA Board allocate necessary regional funding for the purchase and acquisition of equipment and services required to implement the Regional UFS Clearinghouse;
- Staff return to the Operations Committee on a monthly basis to report on the status of the procurement, cost and schedule to complete this final segment of the UFS regional program until it is fully operational.