



# MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: August 27, 1997

**TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: GISSELLE ACEVEDO-FRANCO**

Today, the Los Angeles City Council voted to approve the merger of the MTA Transit Police/LAPD/LA County Sheriff's Department on an 11-1 vote (No: Holden; Absent: Feuer, Hernandez, Svorinich). The motion:

- Approves the transit policing agreement to provide law enforcement services to the MTA.
- Authorizes employment authority for 208 sworn and 30 civilian positions in the LAPD from June 30, 1997 - June 30, 1998.
- Authorizes the Chief of Police to develop and execute a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the LA County Sheriff's Department which sets forth the protocols to be followed by the departments in the operational areas requiring joint cooperation of the service contract subject to approval by the LA Police Commission and the LA City Attorney.
- The total contract amount for the first year is not to exceed \$23.4 million.

The Council also voted to approve an amendment to the motion (11- 1 No: Holden) which:

Directs the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) with the assistance of the Personnel Department, the Police Department and the City Attorney to revise the draft service agreement and authorizes the Mayor and the City Council President to execute a contract on behalf of the City, subject to review by the City Attorney and subject to resolution of the following issues:

- Identification by the City Risk Manager of appropriate insurance coverage to respond to and account for liability claims which may arise out of or in connection with the services provided by the City under the service agreement;

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- Inclusion of contract language that will result in amendments to the contract to increase and appropriate additional funds to pay for the cost of additional orders arising from the MTA fare lawsuit settlement consent decree.
- Inclusion in the service agreement cost schedule a footnote indicating that the MTA will be responsible for reimbursing the City for any and all modifications to the City's police communications system necessary to accommodate transit policing services.

Directs the General Manager, Personnel Department, to develop appropriate classes and examinations to recruit and hire transit police personnel having POST certification as peace officer and relevant transit policing experience, to fill the sworn positions.

According to the Sheriff's Department, the Board of Supervisors has scheduled this item for the September 9, 1997 Board Meeting.

For more information regarding this issue, please contact Audrey Noda at 213/922-2238.